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PUBLIC HEARINGS ON S.F.P.L. 1975-76 BUDGET...

will be held this month in an effort to obtain input from library users. Meetings will be held in the following branches:

Monday, January 6	Parkside Branch	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 7	Richmond Branch	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 8	Excelsior Branch	2:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 9	North Beach Branch	7:30 p.m.

REMINDER

The next Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 1975, at 3:30 p.m. in the Commission Room.

OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

"A Star is Born" was the caption for the following letter from Mary Mace Spradling, Head, Young Adult Department, Kalamazoo Library System, Michigan, in the December 15, 1974, issue of School Library Journal.

> *Viewers in Michigan's Channel 3-CBS network area have been privileged twice to enjoy the appearance of Miss Effie Lee Morris, Co-ordinator of Children's Services, San Francisco Public Library, on What's My Line.*
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> *While she stumped them on guessing what her line was, she further challenged them on the knowledge of literary characters and books which appeal to children. It seemed to me that she was on longer than usual. Everyone seemed to be having great fun, especially Gene Shallit.*

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OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES (continued)

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PROGRAMS

Potrero Branch — Tuesday, January 7 — 3:30 p.m.
Dancetime; Hop-Jump-Stomp-Skip
with special guest Mimi Weiss
(for children ages 5-10 years)

Richmond Branch — Wednesday, January 8 — 6:00 p.m. (preschool)
Theme: Adventure Time
Films: "Matrioska," "House That Jack Built," "Swimmy," "A Scrap of Paper and a Piece of String"

Excelsior Branch — Thursday, January 9 — 10:00 a.m. (preschool)
Theme: Dolls and Puppets
Films: "Little Joys and Little Sorrows," "Punch & Jonathan," "Changes, Changes"

Excelsior Branch — Thursday, January 9 — 4:00 p.m.
Theme: "Native American Legends
Films: "The Loon's Necklace," "The Magic Bow," "Arrow to the Sun"

Sunset Branch — Friday, January 10 — 2:00 p.m. (preschool)
Theme: Changes, Changes
Films: "Little Train," "Mike Mulligan and His Steamshovel"

Sunset Branch — Friday, January 10 — 4:00 p.m.
Theme Wise Old Tales
Films: "The Ugly Duckling," "The Strange Story of a Frog Who Became a Prince," "Story of King Midas"

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Dial-A-Story (626-6516) continues with Angus Lost by Marjorie Flack, told by Mrs. Linda Geistlinger, Director, Early Childhood Project.

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The Office of Children's Services wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

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LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

AN EDITORIAL - OF SORTS

With this issue, the Official Bulletin has been turned over to and produced by new management. The instructions accompanying this change-over were: Turn out an interesting, lively, relevant Official Bulletin. The charge was given; but the direction can only be carried out with the cooperation of the entire staff of the San Francisco Public Library.

What do you find "interesting, lively, and relevant"? What are some of the things that you would like to see in the O.B.? What do you think is not worthwhile putting in the O.B. that might perhaps better go on a bulletin board? Has anything happened to you from a personal or professional point of view that you would like to share with your associates?

Your comments on the above questions, your answers to them, your sending information for the O.B., and your criticism would be very much appreciated. Just take a moment and send in your comments, criticisms, and information to: Editor, O.B., Public Information Office, Main Library. Deadline each week is Wednesday at noon. Call, if necessary.

Happy New Year.

EXHIBITS AT MAIN LIBRARY

The third floor of the Main Library is featuring an exhibit called "Penny-a-Word," which is a representative sampling of the pulp magazines. This exhibit is a must. The colorful pulps, which are divided into various types, such as detective, aviation, and so forth, provided the initial writing experience for many such famous writers as Hemingway, Faulkner, and Hammett. The descriptive text for the exhibit is excellent and quite informative. The exhibit will be there through January.

On the second floor is an exhibit of the arts and crafts of Latin America, mounted by San Francisco's Centro Folklorico, Inc. The exhibit provides an intimate look at the rich and

EXHIBITS...(cont.)

varied folk culture of Latin America; and illustrates that beauty and utility can be fused.

By the way, does anyone have any ideas for exhibits they would like to see in the Main Library?

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday, January 12, will be an historic day for the SFPL. It marks the first time in many years that the Library will be open on Sundays. The Main Library and the Chinatown, Excelsior, Richmond and West Portal branches will be open from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. The increased service was made possible by the receipt of $338,000--a portion of revenue-sharing money made available to the City.

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After Books in Print, 1974, was distributed from the Order Department, several copies of Volume 3 (Authors A-J) were discovered to be defective from p. 1213 ff. All agencies holding copies of BIP should examine this section of the set for defects. Please notify Thomas Fowler in the Order Department if a defective copy is found, then wait for further instructions. The Library's action will depend on the number of copies found to be defective.

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The members of the Board of Supervisors' Cable Television Task Force have unanimously elected Roberto Esteves, Director of the California Video Resource Project, as chairman of the Task Force. The 16-member citizens' committee was established last year to plan the development of cable television services for San Francisco, including municipal video production, establishing new television access channels, and regulating the cable system. Mr. Esteves was originally appointed to this committee by the Board to represent all city agencies.

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The Public Library Systems Study is over. This survey ended December 28, 1974, one week earlier than scheduled. Do not send statistics for the week of January 3 if you have not yet done so.

By accelerating the schedule, those conducting the survey hope to enable the State Library to submit a legislative proposal in time for next year's PLSA funding.

The Librarian's Office still has a cost survey to make for the total program by January 20, 1975, but all other work has been done. Mrs. Vivian Goodwin expresses her thanks to all who have recorded and submitted data.

THE CHILDREN'S HOUR

Stories From Public Libraries, Children's Services, will be seen on cable television, Channel 8, the Educational Access Channel, each evening at 7 p.m., January 14-17. The story-tellers will be Mrs. Linda Geistlinger, Director, Early Childhood Project, and Miss Mary Jane Brown, Children's Librarian at the Sunset Branch. The program is being coordinated by Miss Effie Lee Morris.

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Martin Luther King's birthday, January 15, is a school holiday. Branches should have special exhibits commemorating the day.

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Children's Librarians who would like to have their February programs for children announced in *Free*, please have information in the Office of Children's Services by January 14.

VISITORS TO S.F.P.L.

On January 3, Mrs. Irene White of the National Agricultural Library, Washington, D.C., visited to view the EDP Serials Program. She is on a committee studying the closing of card catalog access in favor of microfiche or microfilm.

Mr. Kwang-Yeong Kim, a librarian at the Seoul National University Library, recently visited the SFPL while on an Asia Foundation-sponsored tour of American libraries.

GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

The following two letters were recently received and are hereby printed:

Dear Mrs. O'Donnell:

In these days of budget cuts, uncertainty and woes of the world, it is a pleasure to find someone who most generously gives SERVICE.

I am delighted at the response to weird questions posed to you and your reference staff. You have saved me and Dymo Industries considerable time and money.

Thanks, good wishes and wait until you see what I ask for in 1975.

Sincerely,

/S/ L. M. Marks, Manager
Information Center
Dymo Industries

GRATEFULLY REC'D (cont.)

Dear Dr. Starr:

I am writing this letter to give my special commendation of Mr. John Coll, Branch Librarian of the North Beach Library and his very able staff to you.

Mr. Coll, himself, and the people with him run their branch with exceptional smoothness, unfailing courtesy, and, most importantly, always offer their help. I own a small chain of stores here in the city and I am particularly aware of the many difficulties in running a public service business. The North Beach Branch offers its services to its public in an unusually fine way.

In fifteen years of almost weekly visits to various branches I have never seen one run better than North Beach and a number run not nearly as well.

Sincerely,

/S/ Robert D. Lipman
In the Altogether

WHAT'S CURRENT AND READ MOST?

What are the new books that the staff of the Library is most eager to read? The reserve lists of the various departments show the following books most eagerly sought after. History and Social Science: Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance by Robert Pirsig; Aldous Huxley by Sybille Bedford; Power in the City: Decision Making in San Francisco by Frederick M. Wirt; Lord Rochester's Monkey by Graham Greene. Literature: Psychology of Consciousness by Ornstein; Ebony Tower by John Fowles; Something Happened by Joseph Heller; Last Days of Louisiana Red by Ishmael Reed. Art and Music: Cavett by Dick Cavett; Mother Goddam by Bette Davis; The Mutant King by Dalton; Kiss Hollywood Goodbye by Anita Loos; Billy Baldwin Remembers by Billy Baldwin. Science: Lives of a Cell by Lewis Thomas; Dr. Hip's Natural Foods and Unnatural Acts by Eugene Schoenfeld; Cellulite by Nicole Ronsard; Steps to an Ecology of Mind by Gregory Bateson; and American Fried by Calvin Trillin.

GALLIMAUFRY

The Longest Overdue Book

It was reported on December 7, 1968, that a book on febrile diseases (London, 1805, by Dr. J. Currie), checked out in 1823 from the University of Cincinnati Medical Library, was returned by the borrower's great-grandson, Richard Dodd. The fine was calculated as $22,646, but was waived. Does he feel fine free?

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES: 1975, No. 1

SICK LEAVE

As quoted in the February 1, 1974, Notes, Civil Service Commission Rule Section 23.11 states as follows:

> *A doctor's certificate will be required for any sick leave with pay in excess of two (2) days taken within the two (2) month period immediately preceding resignation, provided that if an employee leaves the service by resigning and has been granted sick leave with pay in excess of two (2) days during the aforementioned two (2) month period and has not presented a doctor's certificate, the amount of such sick leave with pay shall be withheld from his final check or his retirement contributions.*

TIME SHEET REPORTS

The time sheet for each department should include all employees who have worked in that department. It is important that each department time sheet include new employees who have worked in that department, even if only for part of the week. (For example, if John Smith works in the History Department for only two days of a week, the History Department should report his two days.)

SOCIAL SECURITY FOR 1975

The 1975 tax rate for social security will remain at 5.85%, but will apply to $14,100 of income--for a total of $824.85. In 1974 the tax rate was the same, but applied to $13,200 of income--for a total of $772.20.

HEALTH SERVICE MEETING

The San Francisco Health Service Board will hold its annual public hearing on January 23, 1975, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 228, City Hall.

LIBRARY OPENING - CITY OF RICHMOND

Supervising Librarian, Extension Services. Apply by February 7.

CIVIL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES -- SAN FRANCISCO

1. Airfield Safety Officer.
2. Assistant Storekeeper.

For further information, call Personnel Office.

FEDERALLY FUNDED EMPLOYEES

New Placements

The following federally-funded employees have been promoted to 3616 Library Technical Assistant I and have been transferred to departments as listed below:

Name	From	To
Juana Amaya	Registration Dept.	General Reference
Yoshiko Bakhtiary	Catalog Dept.	Art/Music
Jeanne Chinn	History Dept.	Chinatown Branch
Shirley Davis	Catalog Dept.	Literature
Mari DeWitt	Eureka Valley Branch	Children's Room
Ivy Jou	Registration Dept.	Chinatown Branch
Francisco Leon	Excelsior Branch	West Portal Branch
Robert Long	Excelsior Branch	Eureka Valley Branch
Elizabeth Vuong	General Reference	Science Dept.
Wanda Underhill	Registration Dept.	S.F. History Room
Rogenia Banks	Golden Gate Valley Branch	Registration

Welcome to

Michael Jones	1424 Clerk Typist	Periodicals
Anne Englund	3630 Librarian I	S.F. History Room
Jane Taylor	3610 Library Asst.	Business Branch (temporarily assigned)
Gary Reed	8202 Watchman	
David Hugunin	8202 Watchman	

CITY FUNDED EMPLOYEES

Placement

Sylvia Wright reassigned from Catalog to Order Department.

New Placement Requests

Anyone interested in the following area of assignment, please send a written statement to Personnel by Friday, January 17:

3616 Library Technical Assistant I--Catalog Dept.

HOLIDAYS - 1975

The City and County of San Francisco will observe the following holidays in 1975:

New Year's Day	January 1 (Wednesday)
Lincoln's Birthday	February 12 (Wednesday)
Washington's Birthday	February 17 (Monday)
Good Friday (noon to 3:00 p.m.)	March 28 (Friday)
Memorial Day	May 26 (Monday)
Independence Day	July 4 (Friday)
Labor Day	September 1 (Monday)
California Admission Day	September 9 (Tuesday)
Columbus Day	October 13 (Monday)
Veterans Day	November 11 (Tuesday)
Thanksgiving	November 27 (Thursday)
Christmas Day	December 25 (Thursday)

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LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

SUMMARY OF S.F.P.L. COMMISSION MEETING - JANUARY 10, 1975

...Dr. Starr spoke of attempts to obtain additional staff for the Library under a second phase of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

...Ms. Karen Scannell reported on proposed expanded branch hours; and the Commission unanimously approved expansion of branch hours as per her report. (The new hours will be effective as of February 1.)

...The Commission unanimously approved a recommendation that $10 be set as the price for the Union List of Periodicals, and that the proceeds be deposited in the Publications Fund.

...Dr. Starr introduced Dr. Anne Englund, who will be working in the Special Collections Department.

...The Commission unanimously approved a recommendation to close the Chinatown Branch on February 5 at 5:00 p.m. for the Chinese New Year.

...Mr. Cerasi reported that the supplemental appropriation request to comply with the State of California's Division of Industrial Safety requirements for the air ventilation of 45 Hyde Street is now in the Mayor's Office.

...The Commission unanimously approved a statement of policy on its position on the Marshall Square site for the Library.

...The Commission unanimously approved a resolution that the expenditures from the Fuhrman Fund for the purchase of books be accepted.

...The Commission unanimously approved the 1975-1976 budget in its general outline.

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EXHIBIT NEWS

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The handbook binding display prepared by Johanna Goldschmid, which has been exhibited in several branches, is available upon request from the Office of Adult Services.

POSITION AVAILABLE

The County of Tulare Free Library is seeking a Librarian III. For further information, write: County Librarian, Tulare County Free Library, Room 10, Courthouse, Visalia, California 93277.

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The City Librarian's Office will be discarding extra copies of the Official Bulletin. If you need any issues, please notify that office before February 1.

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A revision has been made in BARC's workshop schedule for the spring and summer of 1975. The SHELTER: HOUSING IN AMERICA workshop has been cancelled. In its place, on March 12 and 13, is scheduled A REFERENCE POTPOURRI: Collecting Everything, Quotations, Make-it-Yourself, and Many Other Troublemaking Questions.

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Despite competition from the Super Bowl and from sun-drenched San Francisco weather, the first Sunday of the Library's new "open-on-Sunday" schedule brought many patrons into the Main Library and into the four open branches. Some 1100 persons came into the Main Library; and the branches reported a substantial number of patrons.

THE HELMET OF MAMBRINO

Several excellent suggestions have been received to the effect that official actions within the Library should be reported in the Official Bulletin in a more regular fashion. In the words of one correspondent: "If important items such as these are not to be covered in the Official Bulletin, the staff will continue to rely on the grapevine for news." Although not even a Dow Jones news service tape could compete with the Library grapevine, the Official Bulletin will attempt to cover planning and decisions as quickly and accurately as possible.

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In order to facilitate placements and other personnel matters, the Personnel Committee has been dissolved. The Personnel Office will now be responsible for coordinating all placements and personnel matters. (Received from the Office of the City Librarian.)

GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

The following letters have been received concerning the Library's services.

Dear Sir:

I recently had occasion to inquire about a book over the phone; it was sent to West Portal Branch and held for me, and delivery occurred the day after my phone call. The several people with whom I spoke in the General Catalogue Information, and in the Science Department were so courteous and helpful. I would like to commend them and the S. F. Library for its efficiency and service.

/S/ Norma Bihr

Dear Miss Mitchell:

Thank you very much for your help in obtaining these documents for me. The Interlibrary Loan service has been very kind to me in my efforts to obtain copies of first editions of Swami Vivekanada's lectures. I am most grateful to you, as well as to Jerry Lee and Mary Gouldthorpe who served in your position before you. My thanks also to Miss Dixon who has been most kind and helpful.

Sincerely yours,

/S/ David T. Kalins

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Programs for Children

January 21 (1:30 p.m.) at Main Children's Room: Animal Adventures. January 21 (4:15 p.m.) at Main Children's Room: Mouse Tales. January 24 (3 and 4 p.m.) at Ortega Branch: Puppet Show--"The Gunniwolf," "Oniruku and the Carpenter," and "Three Billy Goats Gruff." January 25 (2 p.m.) at Portola Branch: Folktales.

Dial-A-Story (626-6516)

"William's Doll" by Charlotte Zolotow (told by Linda Geistlinger).

OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES (cont.)

Channel 8 Features Programs for Children Produced by SFPL

Sparked by Ms. Norris' rapid arrangements, the SFPL Office of Children's Services was involved in the Channel 8 (cable television educational access channel) debut on January 14. On January 14 Ms. Linda Geistlinger provided a pre-school story hour of picture books, poetry, and fingerplays; on January 15 Ms. Celia Brockenbrough presented a memorial to Martin Luther King; on January 16 Ms. Susan Faust told traditional folk tales, as did Ms. Mary Jane Brown on January 17. Future programs for the series, called "Stories From Public Libraries" (SFPL), are anticipated.

LIBRARIANS' GUILD SPEARHEADS DRIVE FOR RIGHTS OF TEMPORARY WORKERS

On January 6 organized labor in this city took a major step in furthering the basic principle of equal pay for equal work. At issue was the fact that temporary city employees (CETA personnel, for example) are being deprived of benefits which permanent civil service employees enjoy.

Jack Crowley, Secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council, headed a team of Service Employees International Union (SEIU) representatives who met with Mayor Alioto to seek a solution to some basic inequities. Key spokesman Barney Speckman of the Labor Council spelled out labor's case in no uncertain terms. Temporary employees are being denied paid health plan benefits, Social Security, incremental pay raises, and promotional job opportunities. Mayor Alioto listened attentively as SEIU representatives, led by Gerry Hipps of the Civil Service Association-Local 400 (AFL-CIO), echoed Speckman's concerns. "San Francisco's historic role as pioneer in the West Coast trade union movement will continue," said Joan Dillon, President of CSA-Local 400 and a member of the Librarians' Guild.

Mayor Alioto said that he was above all committed to full employment in the city. But, at the same time, he would lead the fight against any infringement on fair and equal standards of employment. Neither CETA legislation nor the recently enacted public employment program bars the city from giving federally funded city employees the same city-paid benefits which regular civil service employees receive. He assured us that health plan benefits would shortly be forthcoming. Social Security is a tougher problem since, in the Mayor's opinion, city employees cannot receive Social Security without

being enrolled in the city's retirement plan. But the Mayor did assure us that he will contact the Social Security Administration to find out if there are any alternatives. The other two basic inequities stem from the Salary Standardization Ordinance which is set by the Board of Supervisors. As collective bargaining becomes a reality for city workers, SEIU will work toward removing these inequities. SEIU is currently working on the state and national level to gain amending legislation.

Library and other city workers made progress the other day because of the collective strength of organized labor. We, the rank and file members, are participating more and more in the vital affairs of our union. The Librarians' Guild--a section within CSA-Local 400--has played a major role in drawing our union's attention to the inequities facing our co-workers in the library.

Anyone interested in further information about the union is urged to contact a steward or officer of the Librarians' Guild.

Stewards: Sue Critchfield (BARC), Joan Dillon (Catalog), Tom Fowler (Order), Pat Hall (Presidio), Sally Houston (Excelsior), Joan Jackson (Children's Room), Blanche Maulet (Richmond), Carse McDaniel (History), Flo Mitchell (History), Nancy Musser (Catalog), Dick Rafael (North Beach), Tibby Storey (Science), Joe Sugg (Golden Gate).

Officers: Dan Tatko, President (Marina); Gloria Hanson, Vice President (Park); Jack Coll, Secretary (Merced).

GALLIMAUFRY

SFPL's problem with shelving books is not new. The decision of which books to house--and how--was dramatically illustrated in 1773. On the dissolution of the Jesuits in that year, the books from their Brussels house were allotted to the Royal Library. As the Library had no space to accommodate the new accessions, the volumes were left temporarily in the Jesuit church. The building was infested by mice, and the problem of how to protect the books was anxiously debated. The solution was to place "useful" books on the shelves in the middle of the nave, and to leave the remainder on the floor. In this way, it was calculated, the mice would satisfy their appetite on the latter, leaving the former unharmed.

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GALLIMAUFRY (cont.)

Ah, computer mail. A postcard was received this week addressed to Mr. Excelsior B. Lib, 4400 Mission Street, San Francisco 94112. It began: 'By the time you receive this card, Mr. Lib, I hope you've ordered your Classic Coat of Arms wall plaque...." What do you think the Lib family coat of arms looks like?

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The Library also received an overdue notice back in the mail with the legend stamped on it, "Moved, not forwardable." The book in question was due December 20, 1950.

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The following letter was received last week. It illustrates the problem of determining the scope of the Library's informational responsibilities. The specific details have been left out to protect the innocent--or guilty.

To whom it may concern:--

I saw on TV that you give out information about anything to anyone, can you help me or can you tell me who can. About a year ago I met a man from _____, he was here in California on business for _____ Corporation in _____. Since then he has asked me to marry him--in the near future, he says. He has his own office in _____--address being _____. He is the District Manager there for _____. I don't know very much about this man except for what he tells me. He tells me he is divorced but, I suspect he is still very married. He won't give me his home address or his home phone, and he has never suggested that I come there, but he makes frequent trips to California.

Is there any way that I can find out where he presently lives and who he lives with, if he is really divorced or any other information about him. I'd appreciate any help you can give me. (Without his finding out that I'm doing this.)

Signed--Desperate

_____ _____
(address)

The question is: Is this request within the scope of Library service? If so, what would you answer?

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES: 1975, No. 2

CORRECTION

It was incorrectly reported in the last issue that Francisca Leon and Robert Long were 3616 classification. The classification should be 3610.

CITY-FUNDED PLACEMENTS

Vivian Kobayashi from City Librarian's Office to Librarian for the Bookmobile.

Griffith Stokes from General Reference to City Librarian's Office as Administrative Assistant.

Farewell to:

Rudolph Jistorb	2714	Janitor
Israel Cannon	3611	Library Assistant

Anyone interested in the following area of assignment, please send a written statement to Personnel by Wednesday noon, January 22:

3616 Library Technical Assistant I Waden Branch

FEDERALLY-FUNDED PLACEMENTS

Carol Baumann has been promoted to Librarian I.

Welcome to Christopher Cervelli, Junior Management Assistant, Secretary's Office.

PERSONNEL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

All personnel are reminded that when, for important personal reasons, a change of schedule is requested, that request should be given to one's supervisor (and approved) at least four days before the desired change.

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PERSONNEL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

EEA-CETA personnel must have the permission of supervisors for job interviews or examinations for permanent jobs. Scheduling may be changed for this reason. However, such personnel will not be paid for time taken off.

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The San Francisco Civil Service Commission has recommended to the Board of Supervisors an 8-1/2% salary increase for librarians.

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The Library's Personnel Department will be forwarding information on sick pay and vacations for 1975 shortly.

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The Civil Service Commission will continue to offer two training opportunities through Spring, 1975. Further information regarding these programs can be obtained from the Employment Counseling Center, Room 52-D, City Hall (558-4725).

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Our sympathy is expressed to Genevieve Doyle on the death of her father.

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"WHERE WERE YOU WHEN THE PAPER WAS BLANK?"

The above statement comes from the fertile, incisive mind of David Belch, the SFPL's Public Information Officer. What better can describe my thoughts when someone accosts me and says about the O.B., "Why didn't you...?" Despite my earnest attempts to gather any and all information about what is going on in the Library, about what is happening to the staff, and about developments which affect the SFPL, most of the input for this material must come from the more than six hundred staff members of the SFPL.

Thus, if there is something happening at a branch which might be of interest to the staff, please send it in. If the SFPL is involved in an association which is involved in some fascinating aspect of library work, please make a note of it and send it to the O.B., c/o Public Information Office. If a staff member has had an unusual experience, let us know.

Suggestions and news items are not only desired, but they provide the life-blood for a vital, serviceable, and interesting Official Bulletin. Make it your responsibility, as well.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advisory Council

The Advisory Council will meet at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 28, in the Lurie Room. All members of the Council are expected to attend.

Festival of Young Filmmakers

The Third Annual Festival of Young Filmmakers is well under way. The Committee has distributed publicity to the high schools and to community agencies; and the entries are beginning to arrive in the Office of Adult Services. Each

Festival of Young Filmmakers (cont.)

branch librarian is encouraged to display the publicity material and to encourage young adults who use the branch to enter films. The films selected for the Festival will be shown on Friday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m., at the Eureka Valley Branch. The judges will chose the winning films on that evening; and the winning films will be shown the next evening, when the awards will be given out.

If anyone needs either more posters or more entry blanks, please call Glenda Hooper, Ortega Branch, 681-1848.

Special Libraries Meeting

A meeting of the San Francisco Bay Region Chapter of the Special Libraries is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, at the University of California at Berkeley (Building T-7) from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For reservations, please call 462-1122, ext. 250.

Small Business Conference

Ms. Harriet Collopy, Librarian at the SFPL's Business Branch, will speak at a workshop conducted in Spanish for prospective small business owners, co-sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration and the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, on "Library References Useful to the Business Owner."

Car Pools

A number of the staff have requested that the O.B. serve as a clearinghouse of information on automobile pooling. Any person who wishes to find someone to share auto rides is invited to send his or her name to the O.B. with information on days a ride is requested, from where, or whether he or she is willing to drive others into San Francisco.

GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

Dr. Kevin Starr: --

Dear sir:

Having been the recipient of books for many years, in most of the branch libraries of San Francisco, as also of the main library, I wish to make a friendly comment of the same.

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GRATEFULLY RECEIVED (cont.)

For a number of years, I have received books from the Marina branch, in which I find much courtesy and care, from all the librarians therein, being quite a versatile reader myself.

I especially wish to recommend a Mr. Daniel Tatko, a librarian who is very faithful in pursuance of his duties, who takes a great interest in checking all books which are asked for.

Especially, in regard to the Reserve department, in which I have a great interest.

I find that when Mr. Tatko is on duty, I receive my reserve books much more promptly. He seems to attend to that department very efficiently and is altogether a very reliable librarian.

Very respectfully,

/S/ Mrs. Elmira O'Neill

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Gift to Bernal Branch

Ms. Jacqueline Smeeth, children's librarian at the Bernal Branch, reports that a large batik wall hanging depicting scenes from Gil Haley's "A Story, a Story" was given to the Children's Room by students in a course, "Art for Children," at San Francisco State University. Adding beauty and charm to the room, it is very much appreciated by children who know the story.

Mystery in Merced

Ms. Joyce Dixon, children's librarian at the Merced Branch, reports that the Children's Advisory Council has planned a "Mystery book of the month" program, wherein each week a separate clue is posted until four clues in all are given. The winner's name (with the earliest dated guess) will be posted along with new clues for the next mystery book. The children choose the titles and write the clues.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES (cont.)

Film Program for Children

EUREKA VALLEY BRANCH - Thursday, January 30:

Pre-school, 1:30 p.m. Theme: Going for a Walk. Films: "Camel Who Took a Walk," "Caps for Sale," "Rosie's Walk," "The Foolish Frog," "Gilberto and the Wind."

Ages 6 and up, 4:00 p.m. Theme: Gung Hay Fat Choy. Films: "I'm Going to Be the Lion's Head," "Siu Mei Wong."

Dial-A-Story (626-6516)

"The Rain Puddle" by Adelaide Holl, told by Ms. Grace Ruth.

THE POLITICAL SCENE: BUDGET AND MARSHALL SQUARE

Preparatory to the final completion of the SFPL's presentation of its 1975-1976 budget, four public hearings were held in four of the system's branches on January 6, 7, 8 and 9. Input from those who attended the meetings was quite positive in its praise of the Library: regarding a pleasant, hard-working library staff, the opening on Sundays, etc. However, the current circulation system, the loss of books and the consequent lack of many titles on the shelves, and the dismal atmosphere of the Main Library were among the principal complaints.

A budget of $8.5 million will soon be presented to the Mayor. The budget has been termed by Dr. Starr "the Bicentennial Budget for one-shot corrective measures," and represents an attempt to implement the "Experiment in Excellence" program by requesting funds to make up for many years of inadequate revenues.

As yet, it is impossible to give any definitive news regarding the designation of Marshall Square for a new Main Library. The issue continues to be tossed between the Board of Education and the Board of Supervisors.

POSITION AVAILABLE

We have been asked for candidates for the position of director of libraries at the University of Maryland. Anyone interested in applying for this position may contact George H. Callcott, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20742.

GALLIMAUFRY

One of the greatest libraries in the world is Oxford's Bodleian Library. Sir Thomas Bodley's vision in founding the library in the late sixteenth century certainly was extraordinary. However, nobody is perfect. In an age when Shakespeare, Jonson, Marlowe, and other poets and playwrights were active and had to have their books deposited in the Bodleian if required, Bodley issued a stern injunction to the library:

> *I can see no reason to alter my opinion, for excluding such bookes, as almanackes, plaies, & an infinit number, that are daily printed, of very unworthy maters & handling... Happely some plaies may be worthy the keeping: but hardly one in fortie... Were it so againe, that some litle profit might be reaped (which God knowes is very litle) out of some of our playbookes, the benefit thereof will nothing neere counteruaile the harme that the scandal will bring unto the Librarie, when it shal be given out, that we stuffe it full of baggage bookes.*

ADDENDA ET CORRIGENDA

Due to the sharp and accurate eye of Ms. Vivian Goodwin, we report the following correction to the last Official Bulletin:

The closing at 5:00 p.m. of the Chinatown Branch for Chinese New Year will be on February 10 (not February 5).

(The same Ms. Goodwin, chairperson of the Budget Committee, wishes to thank all who prepared input for the budget, and who gave of their time in preparing the public budget meetings. At these, it was evident that the reputation of the SFPL rests basically on the kind, patient, and helpful librarians in the system.)

PERSONNEL NOTES

November 5th Overtime Pay

EEA positions are federally funded, and employees under this program who worked on November 5th will receive their overtime checks shortly. All regular, full-time civil service employees in the library and other departments of the city have not received checks due to the fact that city funds have not been appropriated as yet. As soon as further information is received, you will be notified.

PERSONNEL NOTES (cont.)

City-Funded Positions

New Assignment

Miss Shirley Mack, 3616 Library Technical Assistant, has been assigned to Waden Branch (from Park Branch).

New Placement Requests

Anyone interested in the following positions, please send a written statement to Personnel by Wednesday noon, January 29:

3616 Library Technical Assistant I	Richmond Branch
3616 Library Technical Assistant I	Park Branch
3616 Library Technical Assistant I	Order Department

W-2's and Pay Envelopes

Please return your pay envelopes to the Secretary's Office promptly so that W-2 statements may be distributed as soon as they are received from City Hall.

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ADVISE AND CONSENT: REPORT FROM S.F.P.L. ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

The SFPL Advisory Council met on Tuesday, January 28. The following topics were discussed.

A new schedule of fines was discussed and will be presented to the Library Commission for approval at its next meeting. Ms. Karen Scannell announced the consolidation of the Sunset and Merced branch clusters. (The surviving cluster will be headquartered at the Sunset Branch and will be called the Sunset-Merced Cluster.) Closing procedures at the Main Library were discussed, but no action was taken.

Dr. Starr announced that the City of San Francisco was granted a $17,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for Bicentennial planning. Dr. J. S. Holliday, executive director of the California Historical Society, is acting chairman, and Dr. Starr is secretary-treasurer of the NEA-sponsored program. An additional $200,000 will be granted upon completion of the proposal. A consultant from NEA will be headquartered at the SFPL for both the planning stages and the execution of the program.

Dr. Starr reported that the Planning Commission had approved all capital improvement suggestions forwarded by the SFPL. These suggestions will now be sent to budgetary authorities for approval. Top priority items were: 1) compact storage, 2) Technical Services ventilation, 3) renovation of the Chinatown Branch--Phase II, and 4) bond issue for the new Main Library.

The Grand Jury's study of the SFPL was discussed. Ms. Ida Brown and Mr. Al Baron visited the Library and met with Dr. Starr. All members of the SFPL staff are encouraged to cooperate with members of the Grand Jury who are studying the Library.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Publishers Directory

Lisa Carlton and Sharon Wong in the General Reference Department are well on their way to completing the 1975 edition of the Directory of San Francisco Bay Area Publishers. If any of the staff have any contributions of information on little magazines or small presses in the Bay Area, please contact them (583-3191).

For Runners

Ms. Karen Scannell, known as the world's fastest librarian, announces that anyone wishing to join the Library staff's contingent of the annual Bay-to-Breakers race on May 18 may contact her for encouragement or a schedule of shorter warm-up races.

Starr Trek

City Librarian Dr. Kevin Starr will speak at a weekend program sponsored by the University Extension of the University of California. The program, which is entitled "The Mother Lode: Surveying Its Past, Prospecting Its Future," will take place at the Oakland Museum and the Victorian Museum in Nevada City on March 22-23. Anyone desiring additional information may call 861-6833.

From the Chief of the Main Library

The following is a policy directive: If you need to enter any Main Library department's "staff only" area (including behind the public service counter), please give the department your name, department, and reason for your visit (unless you are recognized). Staff members who do not provide this information may be challenged. This is the only way of keeping unidentified individuals from entering staff work areas and thereby curbing thefts of library materials and of personal property. Please be reminded to check with the department and sign out for any non-circulating items you may need to remove from the department. Thank you for your cooperation.

Black Bibliography

The long-awaited Blacks and Their Contribution to the American West, compiled by James deT. Abajian, has been published. This pioneering work was made possible by the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library with the cooperation of the American Library Association. One may order copies from G. K. Hall, 70 Locust Street, Boston, Mass. 02111 ($29.50).

An Ecological (and Financial) Consideration

For a variety of reasons, which include ecological and money-saving ones, all members of the staff are asked to use their utmost efforts and ingenuity in saving paper. For example, envelopes may be utilized more than once for intra-library transmission; unneeded memoranda, letters, etc., can be used for scratch paper; minutes of meetings can be mimeographed on both sides of the paper, etc. Paper products have soared in price during the last couple of years, and conservation of paper should be a major priority.

Thanks for Overtime Pay

The San Francisco Public Library's employees extend their thanks to Mr. Vic Thueson of Local 400 for his efforts in obtaining the supplemental budget appropriation for overtime pay for Election Day.

Appointment

Mr. Gil McNamee has been appointed a special consultant for networking and resource sharing by the State Librarian.

Development and Housing Report

Copies of the preliminary report on San Francisco's Community Development and Housing Program have been sent to all branches and the Documents Department in the Main Library. A public hearing will be held to review this report on February 4, 1975, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Please display the report prominently so that it can be read by concerned citizens prior to the hearing.

Personnel Policy

From the Advisory Council meeting:

All open positions will be advertised in the O.B. until filled. Those interested in the positions are urged to apply for them. The placements will then be determined by consultation between the Personnel Director and the chief and coordinator involved. For further clarification of this policy, contact Mr. David Murphy, 558-3331.

Renovation at Mission and Chinatown Branches

Renovation funded by revenue sharing money began Thanksgiving week at the Mission Branch. Presently they are working on the housing for the dumbwaiter which will lift book trucks from the street level to the main floor. Although quite a lot

Renovation at Mission and Chinatown...(cont.)

of work remains, we are hoping for a speedy completion.

Work on Chinatown branch began about a month ago. The circulation counter and low shelving have been removed. Electrical work is in process now. Carpeting remains to be installed. Mrs. Stella Chan reports that the patrons are surprised by the construction work going on, but pleased at the prospect of a quieter branch.

GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

via the Office of the Mayor:

Dear Mayor Alioto:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I have learned of the Sunday openings of the main Library and four branches. You are to be congratulated upon your initiative in providing this time honored service which means so much to the old people, the poor, the lonely and to students.

We working people have so much of our time spoken for that it is a great opportunity to visit the Library at a convenient time where we may improve our intellectual and moral development.

Sincerely,

Irma Volkmann

via the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Education:

Dear sirs and mesdames:

As a patroness of music and as a professional librarian, I strongly urge Marshall Square for a library addition, and the Board of Education lot for a Performing Arts Center, as a most satisfactory and logical solution for these desperately needed structures. We have interested and devoted citizens who will see the Performing Arts Center through, on either location. Now we need sympathetic government to correct a Library situation which is a national disgrace;

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GRATEFULLY RECEIVED (cont.)

the way to begin is with an atrractive and functional building adjacent to the present structure, and with subsequent supportive appropriations, commensurate with the importance of a library in the community's cultural and intellectual life.

Mrs. Frank V. deBellis

REPORT FROM THE WINDY CITY

The following is a report on the Chicago ALA Midwinter Meeting from BARC's Mr. Gil McNamee. (Others who attended the meeting from the SFPL are encouraged to send their impressions of the meeting to the O.B.)

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There were no surprises, but the Chicago ALA Midwinter Meeting lived up to the fact that they are the working meetings of the ALA. I spent most of my time in Council meetings (of which I am a member) and in committee meetings dealing with interlibrary cooperation.

Highlights: the Council voted to eliminate sex stereotyping terminology in its publications, passed a resolution to be sent to Congress asking for an extension of LSCA funds until the time the National Commission comes up with its suggested legislation.

Everyone is looking forward to the White House Conference which will probably be held in 1977 following the state conferences. If anyone is interested in the subjects to be discussed, I have a list. (The $3.5 million for the national conference has been authorized, but not yet appropriated.)

Nominations from Council petitions for the next election for Council include Nancy Kellum-Rose and a past BARC'er, Peggy O'Donnell. Ms. Morris is already on the ballot.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Miss Effie Lee Morris, Children's Coordinator, forwarded the following news release from the A.L.A. Midwinter Meeting in Chicago:

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OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES (cont.)

Newbery and Caldecott Winners and Honor Books

Virginia Hamilton, author of M. C. Higgins the Great, published by Macmillan Publishing Comapny, Inc., and Gerald McDermott, adapter and illustrator of Arrow to the Sun, A Pueblo Indian Tale, published by the Viking Press, were announced respectively as winners of the John Newbery Medal and the Randolph J. Caldecott Medal, awarded by the Children's Services Division of the American Library Association for the most distinguished books for children published in the United States in 1974.

The announcement was made by Bette J. Peltola, chairperson of the Newbery-Caldecott Awards Committee, during the Midwinter Meeting of the American Library Association in Chicago. Daniel Melcher, who is sponsor of the awards, and is the son of the late Frederic G. Melcher, original donor of the awards, was present and spoke at the announcement ceremony.

The presentation of the medals will take place at the Newbery-Caldecott-Wilder Awards dinner during the Annual Conference of the American Library Association in July 1975.

Newbery Honor Books are My Brother Sam is Dead by James and Christopher Collier, published by the Four Winds Press; Philip Hall Likes Me, I Reckon Maybe by Bette Greene, published by the Dial Press; The Perilous Gard by Elizabeth Pope and published by Houghton Mifflin Company; and Figgs and Phantoms by Ellen Raskin, published by E. P. Dutton & Co., Inc.

Jambo Means Hello: Swahili Alphabet Book, illustrated by Tom Feelings with text by Muriel Feelings, published by the Dial Press, was selected as a Caldecott Honor Book.

Laura Ingalls Wilder Award

Beverly Cleary, author of Fifteen, Henry Higgins, Ribsy, and many more books for young readers, has been named winner of the 1975 Laura Ingalls Wilder Award. The Wilder Medal is given every five years "to an author or illustrator whose books, published in the United States, have over a period of years made a substantial and lasting contribution to literature for children.

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Film Program for Children (Parkside Branch, Tuesday, Feb. 4)

Preschool, 10:30 a.m. Theme: Foolish Animals. Films: "Petunia," "Foolish Frog," "I Know an Old Woman Who Swallowed a Fly," "Curious George Rides a Bike."

Ages 6 and up, 4:00 p.m. Theme: Foolishness. Films: "Sunday Lark," "Just Say 'Hic'", "Birds," "Woof, Woof."

Dial-A-Story (626-6516)

Theme: "Animals in Mother Goose Rhymes." Told by Mrs. Linda Geistlinger, Early Childhood Specialist.

FROM THE SUGGESTION BOX

Female Guards

"I'd like to suggest to the administration that they have some female guards to catch and prosecute the peepers and freaks rather than just scaring them off temporarily as the men sometimes do." --Florence Mitchell, History Department

GAS-SAVING DEPARTMENT

Ms. Emily Romm of the Children's Room in the Main Library comes in from the North Berkeley/Albany area, and would be interested in contacting others from the same area in sharing transportation. Ms. Romm can be reached at 558-3510.

GALLIMAUFRY

Book Request

The following was received in the Catalog Department:

Dear Sir:

I would like to submit Albanian Brothel Architecture book to your consideration. It is authored by me and published recently. I am sure it will provide valuable reading material thus available to the readers of your Library.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence K. Cone

The book is being purchased, and will be reviewed by the City Librarian.

GALLIMAUFRY (cont.)

Brown Bag it to the Opera

Members of the staff of the Main Library are particularly notified of the Brown Bag Opera which is taking place Wednesdays and Fridays at 12:10 in the Veterans' Auditorium. Admission is 50¢, and a lunch may be bought for $1.00 (or you may bring your own). For further information, call Brian Gray, 861-4008, ext. 211. If you would like your name placed on the opera mailing list, send a note so indicating to "Ticket Office, Opera House, San Francisco 94102."

PERSONNEL NOTES

City Funded Positions

New Placements

Diane Kinsky, Library Tech. Asst. I, to Richmond, effective 2/5.
Christina Lopez, Library Tech. Asst. I, to Order, effective 2/5.
Tamyra Lewis, Library Tech. Asst. I, to Park, effective 2/5.

New Placement Requests

Librarian I, part-time, Branch Room
Library Technical Assistant I, BARC
Library Technical Assistant I, Anza
Library Technical Assistant I, Richmond

Transfers

Gloria Hanson, Librarian II, to Marina, effective 1/30.
Dan Tatko, Librarian II, to Park, effective 1/30.

Farewell to

Sue Campbell, Librarian I, Branch Room.
Diann Norris, Library Technical Assistant, Richmond.

Job Opening

Part-time position organizing and indexing legal documents. Flexible scheduling. Salary open. Ask for Donna, Shea Equipment Company, 433-4890.

LATE NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT--FLASH!

In order to review the 1975-1976 proposed Library budget to the staff, there will be a discussion of it on Friday, Feburary 7, at 9:00 a.m. in the Lurie Room. Any member of the Library staff who is able to leave public service areas and who wishes to attend is invited to this explanatory briefing.

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SUMMARY OF COMMISSION MEETING

The Library Commission met on Tuesday, February 4. Pertinent items on the agenda were:

--Approval of a series of music concerts to be held at noon either in the General Reference area or in front of the Library.

--A new fines schedule for overdue, uncatalogued paperbacks: 5¢ per day, maximum of 50¢.

--Approval of several librarians' attendance at various library service meetings.

SEARCH FOR A SITE: THE BATTLE OF MARSHALL SQUARE CONTINUES

The battle for the official designation of Marshall Square as the site for a new Main Library continues--although recent action by the Board of Education and the Board of Supervisors makes near-future designation more of a possibility. By recent action, these two groups approved the granting of the old Commerce High School playing field to either the Library or the Performing Arts Center. In return, the Board of Education will receive another piece of City property.

The next phase of the battle--the determination of whether the Library or the Performing Arts Center receives Marshall Square--will be decided by the Planning Commission.

NEITHER RAIN NOR RIOTERS DISTURB BICENTENNIAL BUDGET PRESENTATION

To dramatize the SFPL's request for a $3.3-million increase in its 1975/1976 budget, which City Librarian Dr. Kevin Starr termed the Bicentennial Budget, a rally was held on Friday, January 31. At 11:30 a.m. the Sixth Army Band from the Presidio gave a concert in the General Reference section of the Main Library (hastily improvised due to the pouring rain outside), instead of in front of the Library.

After forty-five minutes of playing, the band departed. A few short comments by Diane Feinstein, President of the Board of Supervisors, Edward Callanan, President of the Library Commission, and Dr. Starr on the importance of this budget followed. "The Library has had inadequate funding for many years," Dr. Starr said, "and what we ask for here is a 'one-shot' corrective budget for long overdue equipment, systems, and book buying which will make the San Francisco Public Library a great institution in time for the City's Bicentennial."

Many members of the staff, friends of the Library, and a number of patrons then followed Dr. Starr, Mr. Callanan, and a trio from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, who played fife and drum and carried an American flag (attired in colonial American costume and enacting the "Spirit of '76") across the Civic Center Plaza to City Hall, where Dr. Starr presented the budget to Acting Mayor Ronald Pelosi.

Following the presentation, actor Irving Israel, also attired in colonial costume, read a speech of Patrick Henry's. His reading was interrupted by a small, but vociferous demonstration by a group protesting the transfer of a part-time page from one branch to another. However, the City Librarian, the Chief of Branches, and the Assistant Chief of Branches, the objects of the demonstration, were able to retreat to their offices in the Library unharmed. (Actually, the City Librarian suffered a few bruises on his leg from being flailed on the leg by an urchin demonstrator.)

The rally received a great deal of publicity in both the press and in the television media.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Black History Week will be observed in the Children's Room, Main Library, and all of the branches with special displays.

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FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES (cont.)

Programs

FILMSTRIP PROGRAM, Tuesday, February 11, Sunset Branch, 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. (preschool): "Corduroy," "Hush Little Baby," "Where the Wild Things Are." FILM PROGRAMS, Thursday, February 13, Western Addition Branch, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (preschool): "Whistle for Willie," "Anansi the Spider," "A Story a Story"; also at Western Addition, 4:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up): "An African Community," "Masai," "Ashanti," "Aretha Franklin." FILMSTRIP PROGRAMS, Thursday, February 13, Eureka Valley Branch, 1:30 p.m. (preschool): "Chanticleer and the Fox," "Fox Went Out on a Chilly Night," "Frog Went a-Countin'"; also at Eureka Valley Branch, 4:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up): "Yvonne Braithwaite," "Fred, a Black American Boy," "Cynthia, a Japanese American Girl," "Ernesto, a Mexican American Boy." STORY HOUR, Thursday, February 13, Merced Branch, 4:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up). FILM PROGRAM, Friday, February 14, Bernal Branch, 2:45 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.: "Magic Tree," "Big and Little," "What Makes a Friend So Special?"

Dial-a-Story (626-6516)

"The Hare and the Tortoise," told by Ms. Grace Ruth, Early Childhood Specialist.

FURTHER NOTES FROM THE WINDY CITY: MIDWINTER A.L.A.

(Received from Ms. Nancy Kellum-Rose, Richmond Branch)

"As coordinator of the Social Responsibilities Round Table I had a very busy, high pressure week. At its Fall meeting the ALA executive board decided to assess all round-tables 10% of their expenditures to pay for ALA staff support. This action was constitutionally illegal and SRRT had to lead the fight against the tax. From Sunday until late Friday afternoon I attended meetings, strategy sessions, and a luncheon with the executive director, as well as the SRRT Action Council meetings I had to chair. We were successful in dumping the assessment, but Council decided that the heads of roundtables should meet with the executive board, COPES (the finance committee) and ALA staff at their spring meeting in Chicago (at ALA expense) to discuss the entire question of roundtable relations to ALA. This seems like a costly boon-doggle, but Council felt that the improved communications would be worth the expense.

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FURTHER NOTES FROM THE WINDY CITY...(cont.)

"Other SRRT actions included a censure of the executive director for the infringements of intellectual freedom involved in the firing of American Libraries staff, a demand for editorial freedom for the AL staff, support of the efforts of District 69 to unionize the publishing industry, and a reply to the NCLIS 2nd draft. And finally the SRRT-sponsored resolution on eliminating sexist terminology was passed by Council."

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advisory Council Meeting

There will be an Advisory Council meeting on Tuesday, February 11, at 4:00 p.m. in the Lurie Room. Any member of the Council wishing to place an item on the agenda is asked to contact Mr. Griffith Stokes in the Office of the Librarian by 5:00 p.m., February 10.

Friends of Libraries Workshop

The Friends of the Daly City Library invite librarians and those interested in libraries to a workshop on Saturday, April 12. Anyone interested in attending may contact Ms. Mig Mayer, 558-3770.

American Issues Forum

Mr. John Schonleber has arrived at the San Francisco Public Library to work on the final proposal for a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to San Francisco to commemorate the Bicentennial. Mr. Schonleber's office is on the third floor of the Main Library.

Staff Reserve Books

The City Librarian asks that all members of the staff check out books obtained from staff reserve. The request is based on administrative control of the Library's books and is a courtesy to others who wish to read the book. There have been cases where seven-day reserve books have been kept for over a year. The cooperation of every member of the staff is earnestly requested in this matter.

An Offer You Can't Refuse

Received from Ms. Gilda Turitz:

Here's an offer to all the branches from the Talking Books Program: Indefinite use of a 3-speed Talking Book Machine (record-player) in return for agreeing to demonstrate a sample Talking Book to interested patrons and potential users.

"We have received a shipment of the new Talking Book machines and can service more of the visually handicapped. Contact Gilda Turitz or Genevieve Doyle in the Branch Room (3985)."

Resigning Page

Received from Joe Sugg, Golden Gate Valley Branch:

"The Golden Gate Valley Branch staff is sad that John Wong is resigning in mid-February after more than four years of outstanding work contributions. Aside from being one of the world's greatest community pages, John's skills and dedication have greatly helped in keeping things together in times of crisis or staff shortages. His highly literate sense of humor and his fine art work will be particularly missed. We are happy that John is graduating from San Francisco State University and is moving on to better things."

Chess Sets, Anyone?

The Library will be sponsoring a young adult chess tournament in March. Staff members are asked to loan chess sets for this event. Please send these sets to Ms. Glenda Hooper, Ortega Branch.

The Beginning of a Hare-Raising Year

As a directive from the Mayor's Office, all members of the Library staff of Chinese ancestry may take Tuesday, February 11, Chinese New Year, as a holiday without pay.

Visitor

Mr. Forrest Carhart, executive director of METRO in New York, recently visited Mr. Gil McNamee and the San Francisco Public Library.

Circulation Survey

This week there will be a distribution of a survey form requesting our patrons to indicate their thoughts about the SFPL's circulation system. Every member of the staff is asked to cooperate fully in seeing that as many patrons as possible fill out these forms. At public service desks, please ask each patron served to fill one out. They should be returned to each department or branch and forwarded on each day or so to the Public Information Office in the Main Library.

CALIFORNIA VIDEO RESOURCE PROJECT

The following is an abstract from a recent introductory CVRP newsletter, which will summarize the work of CVRP for the Library staff:

CVRP is a federally-funded project designed to explore and stimulate library use of videotape as an information medium, and to create economic support for quality, community-produced videotapes. The Project has five major activities: 1) establishment of a videotape collection of community- and commercially-produced tapes to be used for library programming, public research, and short-term loan with a limited number of California libraries; 2) publication of a bi-monthly newsletter which will provide current information on video and cable activities in California libraries, technical and production information, review of videotapes and related printed materials, and an up-dated catalog of the Project's collection; 3) sponsorship of a series of monthly public programs focusing on a variety of topics relating to video and cable television; 4) cable library service experimentation; and 5) consultation services available to California libraries upon request.

The staff of CVRP (558-5034) consists of Roberto Esteves, Craig Schiller, Lee Olivier Lourea, Peggy Pavelski and Stu Holland.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS ACQUISITION

Through the offices of Special Collections librarian Anne Englund, the SFPL's Special Collections received a donation of ephemeral material printed by the famous San Francisco printing establishment, Taylor & Taylor. The gift comes from the Taylor & Taylor Archives (Kemble Collections); and was presented by Kemble curator George Harding and James Elliott, last owner of Taylor & Taylor.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Employment Status of Federally-Funded Employees

The following statement is a clarification of the employment status of federally-funded employees:

Positions under this program were funded under two different titles (or sections) of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, Title II and Title VI. All positions established before the end of December 30, 1974, were under Title II, which is funded only through June 30, 1975. All positions established after January 1, 1975, were under Title VI, which is funded through December 30, 1975.

New Employees

Under Title VI, 26 new federally-funded Library Assistants will begin their training at the SFPL on Friday, February 7.

Pay Periods

At the request of various employees, the Pay Periods for 1975 are listed on the following page.

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1975 PAY PERIODS & HOLIDAYS

Period No.	PAY PERIODS Bi-Weekly From	Bi-Weekly To	Monthly From	Monthly To	HOLIDAYS
1	1-8	1-21			
2	1-22	2-4	1-1	1-31	
3	2-5	2-18			Wed. 2-12, Mon. 2-17
4	2-19	3-4	2-1	2-28	
5	3-5	3-18			
6	3-19	4-1	3-1	3-31	
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8	4-16	4-29	4-1	4-30	
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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advisory Council

There will be an Advisory Council meeting on Tuesday, February 18, at 3:30 p.m. in Vivian Goodwin's office. The agenda from the February 11 postponed Advisory Council meeting will be used. If there are any additions to this agenda, contact Griff Stokes as soon as possible.

Position Available

Yuba County is currently recruiting to fill the position of Library Director. Anyone interested in applying may contact Mr. Robert Link, Personnel Director, County of Yuba, Courthouse, Third Floor, Marysville, California 95901.

Be a TV Star

The California Video Resource Project, located in the Main Library, is starting to look for volunteers to help with all aspects of the production of CVRP videotapes, from planning to distribution. Previous video experience is not necessary. Interested staff members should contact Craig Schiller (558-5034) to arrange for an interview.

Unusual Bookstores

David Belch in the Office of Public Information is seeking information about unusual, specialty, and antiquarian bookstores in the Bay Area. Anyone having names of such bookshops, please contact Mr. Belch at ext. 4010.

Circulation Survey

The first returns from the "self-charge" questionnaires have been returned, and they show that a significant 38.39% of the patrons find our circulation system difficult to deal

Circulation Survey (cont.)

with. Over 28% report that they know of people who have limited their use, or stopped using the Library because of "self-charge."

The information developed through this survey can be very important in our efforts to get funding for the CLSI system. Please urge patrons to fill out the questionnaires. The completed forms should be returned to the Public Information Office. Thanks for your assistance with this project.

ALA Reception Committee

Anne Kincaid is looking for volunteers who would like to serve on a committee to plan and host the SFPL reception for A.L.A. members to be held Sunday, June 29, in the Main Library. Everyone is welcome to attend an organizational meeting on Friday, February 21, in the Commission Room. If you have a meeting conflict, but would like to be included on the committee, send her a note at OAS, and you will receive notices of future meetings. Says Ms. Kincaid, "Staff members who were around for the ALA Happening in 1967 know that it will be a real challenge to surpass or match the success of that reception."

Genealogical Speech

Mr. Gil McNamee will address a meeting of the California Genealogical Society on Saturday, February 15, at the California Historical Society. He will talk on "Genealogists in a Library Network."

GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

Dr. Kevin Starr

Dear Dr. Starr:

It is a particular pleasure to visit your Art and Music Department. In a large city library, the personal service and attention provided makes going to the library a delight.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Mary V. Miller

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Eloise Greenfield has received the first Carter G. Woodson Award for her Crowell biography, Rosa Parks. It was presented at the National Convention of Teachers of Social Studies at their annual meeting in November. Ms. Effie Lee Morris, Children's Coordinator, was a member of the committee that selected the award.

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Chinese New Year and Brotherhood Week will be recognized in the branches with special displays.

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Film Programs

WADEN BRANCH, Tuesday, February 18: at 10:00 a.m. (preschool)--"Snowy Day," "Changes Changes," "Hen Hop," "Foolish Frog"; at 4:00 p.m.--"Malcolm X, Struggle for Freedom," "Martin Luther King, Jr., from Montgomery to Memphis," "Paul L. Dunbar, American Poet," "Weapons of Gordon Parks."

NOE VALLEY BRANCH, Wednesday, February 19: at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (preschool)--"Rosie's Walk," "Petunia," "Swimmy," "Circus Baby"; at 3:30 p.m.--"Evan's Corner," "Gabrielle and Selena," "Golden Fish."

CHILDREN'S ROOM, MAIN LIBRARY, Wednesday, February 19: at 10:00 a.m. (preschool)--"The Camel Who Took a Walk," "In the Forest," "Make Way for Ducklings"; at 4:15 p.m.--"The Blue Dashiki," "A Place of My Own," "I Wonder Why."

MERCED BRANCH, Thursday, February 20: at 1:30 p.m. (preschool)--"Anatole and the Piano," "Country Mouse and City Mouse," "Frederick"; at 4:00 p.m.--"A Story, a Story," "Caterpillar and All the Wild Animals," "Magic Tree."

CHINATOWN BRANCH, Saturday, February 22: at 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. (preschool)--"Africa, an Introduction," "Anansi the Spider," "Why the Sun and Moon Live in the Sky."

Brotherhood Story Time

WEST PORTAL BRANCH, Wednesday, February 19, 4:00 p.m.

Dial-a-Story (626-6516)

Riddle-dee-dee: Riddle Rhymes from Mother Goose, told by Ms. Grace Ruth, Early Childhood Specialist.

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SUMMARY OF ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING - FEBRUARY 19, 1975

Amidst the tempestuous sound and fury of conflicting opinions, the Advisory Council, meeting on February 19, discussed and passed judgement on the following matters:

--Dr. Starr stressed that all meetings held in the Library, with the exception of meetings dealing with personnel evaluations and other personnel meetings of a confidential nature, are open to all interested librarians. Librarians are encouraged to attend meetings on subjects in which they have an interest.

--A proposal by Ms. Morris to alternate Advisory Council meetings with meetings of chief librarians and coordinators, to consider operational matters, was adopted.

--There was a discussion of the general topic of orientation. Mr. Murphy described plans for the training of librarians in the field of personnel evaluation and training.

--Ms. Morris discussed the problems which the Library may encounter with students and teachers of the public school system now that it has suffered a loss in funds for school library books. Dr. Starr reiterated the established policy that each student should be treated individually--and that they have the same rights and obligations as other patrons.

--Ms. Vivian Goodwin, assisted by Ms. Lori Crosky and Mr. G. P. Stokes, has been given the task of coordinating a complete review of the Library's manual. All chiefs and coordinators will be required to participate in this review. A schedule with an assignment of tasks will be issued in the near future.

--It was announced that Mr. Bill O'Brien, Senior Stationary Engineer in the Main Library, will depart for the School District; and best wishes in his new position were voted. Mr. Al Campos has been promoted to the position of Senior Engineer.

--Dr. Starr strongly reiterated the need to adhere to promulgated guidelines in the preparation of multiple order forms.

--The length of time part-time pages should be employed in the Library was discussed. Mr. David Murphy was assigned the task of preparing a proposed policy.

--Dr. Starr reiterated the need for completed staff work and the assumption of responsibilities in the preparation of correspondence. He stated that when a librarian is given the task of preparing a letter to the Board of Supervisors or some other agency, the person assigned to prepare the reply will be responsible for the prompt and entire preparation of the document. If the assistance of librarians in other departments is required in the preparation of the correspondence, it is the duty of the responsible librarian to obtain their assistance and to incorporate their input into the completed letter. Needless to say, prompt, full cooperation on the part of all librarians whose assistance has been requested is expected. Librarians should use the services of their subordinates in the preparation of correspondence to shorten the response time, to reduce the work load on themselves, and to train their assistants.

JACK THE RIPPER CAUGHT IN THE ACT

The vigilance and courage of the Main Library's Literature Department staff paid off on the evening of Tuesday, February 18, when a mutilator of books in the foreign literature section was caught red-handed. An area known for its high crime rate--exposers, mutilators, and molesters--the foreign literature section hides the nefarious deeds because of its remote, screened location. However, a report by a patron to page Dale Yee that someone was shredding pages in German and French books brought Ms. Yee and librarian Cynthia Lingo loping to the foreign literature room.

There they apprehended the man in the midst of his dastardly deed, but had to give chase to secure him. Aided by

the timely arrival of engineer Al Campos, the trio trapped the culprit and sat on him until the police arrived.

The public-spirited patron has agreed to testify against the blackguard bane of books, who is rumored to be a librarian not hired by the CETA program.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Film Program for Children

GOLDEN GATE VALLEY BRANCH, Wednesday, February 26: at 4:00 p.m.--"Woof Woof," "Puss in Boots," "Jenny's Birthday," "Little Joys and Little Sorrows."

Filmstrip Program for Children

EXCELSIOR BRANCH, Thursday, February 27: at 10:00 a.m. (preschool)--"Frog Went a-Courtin'," "Petunia," "Dandelion; at 4:00 p.m.--"Folktales of the World."

Puppet Show

WADEN BRANCH, Thursday, February 27, 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.--"The Gunniwolf," "Oniruku and the Carpenter" and "Three Billy Goats Gruff." (Performed by the Trip Trap Troupe, composed of children's librarians.)

Dial-A-Story (626-6516)

"The North Wind and the Sun," a fable by LaFontaine, told by Ms. Linda Geistlinger, Early Childhood Specialist.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bindery Rumor Scotched

Despite the recent rumor, Ms. Joan Dillon declared that there is sufficient money to send books and magazines to the bindery for the remainder of the year. All questions as to bindery quotas, work processes, delivery, pick-up, or special items to be made should be referred to her. Normal procedures will continue to be followed.

Ancestral Shadows Leave Periodicals for History

Returning to their Dewey classification as a division of History, the Library's Genealogical Collection was transferred this week from Periodicals on the third floor to the History Department on the second floor. The movement has caused some confusion in the History, General Reference, and Literature departments--but Mr. James Reilly has assured all that all will be in order by early next week. Good breeding and the pride of a distinguished lineage will triumph.

Freight Elevators are for People

With the large influx of new personnel in the Library, the freight elevator is receiving greater use. All are reminded that it is not to be held on one floor for any extended period of time. Such usage is discourteous to those waiting.

Received from Catalogue Department

"The Catalogue Department has virtually no space uncovered, including floors. Please do not send any work to the department until further notice. There is no place to put it."

Friends' Annual Meeting

The Friends of the SFPL will hold their annual membership meeting on Friday, March 7, at 11:30 a.m. in the Lurie Room. Staff is invited to attend. Coffee and dessert will be served.

Volunteer for Book Sale

Any member of the Library staff who wishes to volunteer for the Book Sale in April is urged to fill out the coupon on the last page of this issue of the O.B.

Dr. Starr on the Sawdust Trail

Preaching the gospel of the needs of the SFPL and the necessity for a new Main Library on Marshall Square, City Librarian Starr has spoken recently at Stanford University, the Mission Kiwanis, the Downtown Lions Club, the Buchanan Street YMCA, the California Club, San Francisco State, and the League of Women Voters.

Wanted: Ink-Stained Wretches

Cynthia Lingo of the Literature Department (the same who helped in the capture of Jack the Ripper) is compiling a file of San Francisco Bay Area authors. She needs names, addresses, telephone numbers, and titles published. Please contact her with any information (3511).

PLECC Workshop

PLECC (Public Library Executives of Central California) is sponsoring an open workshop on publicity on Saturday, April 5, 1975, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the San Francisco Airport Marina (Map Minor Room). The registration fee is $5.00.

The speaker will be Dr. Morris E. Massey of the College of Business and Administration at the University of Colorado. Dr. Massey's topic will be "Marketing the Library." All those interested in the workshop are welcome to attend. Forms are available from Ms. Vivian Goodwin.

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PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #3

All Personnel Department Notes will be numbered in the future. The last numbered notes were #2, dated January 17, 1975. After that, numbers were inadvertently dropped. No Personnel Department Notes were issued last week, February 14, 1975.

CITY FUNDED POSITIONS

Promotions

Congratulations to the following employees: Janice Broussard, promoted to Library Technical Assistant II (3618) in the Order Department; Al Campos, promoted to Senior Stationery Engineer (7335); and Thomas Campbell, promoted to full-time Page (3602) in the History Department.

New Permanent Employees

Congratulations to the following employees who received permanent Civil Service appointments: Jo Trotter, Library Technical Assistant I (3616) at West Portal Branch; Betty Underwood, Library Technical Assistant I (3616) in the Catalog Department; and Joel Jurado, Janitor (2714).

Welcome to the following new employees: Helen Allen, Clerk Typist (1424) in the Registration Department; William Stevens, Janitor (2714); and Clarita Dalisay, Clerk Typist in the Order Department.

(PERSONNEL NOTES #3)

CITY FUNDED POSITIONS (cont.)

Farewells

Farewell and congratulations to William O'Brien, promoted to Chief Engineer at the Board of Education; and to June Nelson, promoted to Senior Clerk Steno at the Public Health Department.

Farewell also to Sandra Farkas, Librarian II (3632), Art and Music Department.

Placement Requests

Part-time Librarian I (3630), Branch Room.
Library Technical Assistant I (3616), Richmond Branch.
Library Technical Assistant I (3616), History.
Librarian II (3632), Art and Music Department.
Librarian I (3630), Ortega Branch.

Employees Going on Leave

Shirley Gibbons, Library Technical Assistant I, History Department.

New Placement

Mrs. Eunice Parker is assigned the post of Acting Chief of Technical Services effective Monday, March 3, 1975.

FEDERALLY FUNDED POSITIONS

New Employees

(The following employees were hired through the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act on February 7, 1975.)

The following are LIBRARY ASSISTANTS (3610) and are assigned as indicated: Bashir Abdullah, Waden Branch; Estanislao Animo, Registration; Roy Beausoleil, Parkside Branch; Pamela Charde, Registration; Leslie Chason, Science; Roger Dillon, General Reference; Donald Eng, Catalog; James Grier, Registration; Cal Hawthorne, Catalog; Edna Herbert, Branch Room; Terrance Higgins, Mission Cluster/Noe Valley Branch; Clinton Huey, Marina Branch; Frances Jackson, Catalog; James Kulk, History; Winston Lew, Golden Gate Valley; Anthony Lopes, Ortega Branch; Clara Monroe, Catalog; Elizabeth Olson, Waden Branch; Larry Padilla, Art and Music; Carol Poong, Western Addition; Jane Sloan, Literature; Myron Solorzano, Glen Park Branch; Karl Edwards, Chief of Main (Temporary assignment).

(PERSONNEL NOTES #3)

FEDERALLY FUNDED POSITIONS (cont.)

New Employees (cont.)

The following are LIBRARY PAGES (3602): John Temme, Print Shop (3602); and Gregory Stewart, Registration.

The following are JANITORS (2714): Cecil Gray, Benjamin Sutton and Vernon Williams.

Farewells

Farewell to Genevieve Doyle, Librarian I; Pat Tether, Librarian I; and Charles Mobley, Janitor.

Promotion

Ralph Miller is promoted to Library Technical Assistant I (3616) in the Science Department.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A new law was approved by Congress on December 19, 1974, to cover state and local government employees, farm workers and domestic workers for unemployment benefits. For information regarding the benefits, call the nearest office of the Employment Development Department, or contact Mr. Denny Webster in Sacramento, (916) 445-7021.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL BOOK SALE - April 3 through 6, 1975

In these days of economic dislocation, deficits, dwindling cash reserves, inflation and recession give you a feeling of despair? Counterattack by coming to that oasis of success--your very own Book Sale.

We will be hard pressed to top last year's profit of almost $24,000, but with hustling (of a refined nature) plus long hours and multiple shifts, we may overcome.

This is where you come in--and you had better! Enclosed is an extra form. Give it to a friend who loves bedlam and hard work as you do.

Check the boxes below that suit you

PREVIEW SET-UP	April 2, Wednesday	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	[ ]
		1 p.m. - 4 p.m.	[ ]
PREVIEW SALE	April 3, Thursday	5 p.m. - 9 p.m.	[ ]
SET-UP	April 4, Friday	9 a.m. - 12 noon	[ ]
SALE	April 4, Friday	11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.	[ ]
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	April 5, Saturday	9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	[ ]
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	April 6, Sunday	9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	[ ]
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Everybody come. Let's stage the economic coup of the year.

ELAINE MUNDY, Chairman

ERNA KUTA, Assistant

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AND LET US NOT FORGET THE DYNAMIC DUO

In the last issue of the Official Bulletin, we told the tale of the daring and heroic capture of one of the Library's "Jack the Rippers." In so doing we neglected to mention the two Library guards who assisted in the capture and securing of the book-maiming culprit. They are Maurice Hickey and David Hugunin; and, because of their employ by the SFPL, we can all sleep more soundly at night in the knowledge that our books are safe.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Coppelia" Tickets

There are two orchestra seats available for the March 13 evening performance of "Coppelia" with the American Ballet Theatre at the Opera House. Natalia Makarova and Ted Kivett will dance the principal roles. The tickets are $10.50 each; and the pair is $21.00. If you are interested, you may contact Sharon Wong in General Reference, 558-3191.

Friends' Book Sale Dates Changed

Due to scheduling difficulties with Polk Hall, the Friends of the SFPL have changed the dates of the annual book sale. Staff members interested in volunteering for the sale are asked to fill out the new form which is attached to the O.B. The new dates are: preview--April 17; sale--April 18-20.

Notes from Weary Film Reviewers

Received in the editor's mail bag: "Anne Kincaid and Stephanie Row have just finished serving as members of a pre-screening jury for the American Film Festival. After watching twenty-five sports films for two days in an unheated screening room, they would probably both benefit from some unfilmed physical exercise." The editor urges jogging the perimeter of the City without a cameraman.

New BARC Staff Member

BARC has a new staff member for two weeks. Ms. Maureen Lawson, a native of Edinburgh, currently a library school student at the University of British Columbia is doing her library field work with BARC.

Note from the Catalogue Department

Received from the Catalogue Department: "Five copies of the book Berlin 1974 (Das Jahr im Ruckspiegel) arrived in an envelope addressed to the Catalogue Department recently. There was no indication on the envelope nor on the books as to where the books were from, or what should be done with them. The Order Department has no record as to what department ordered the books. Anyone having any information concerning these books, please contact the Catalogue Department. In the future, any materials sent to the Catalogue Department should have a note attached, indicating what is to be done with them. Thank you."

Vivian Goodwin Entertains Visitor

Following is Ms. Vivian Goodwin's description of a recent visitor to the SFPL:

"Ms. Yolanda Cuesta, newly appointed state library consultant for library services to minorities and the disadvantaged, was a visitor to the SFPL for two days, February 18 and 19. She is touring libraries throughout California to become acquainted with the librarians who are actually serving in this field, to learn the extent of such programs, and what her role can be to help strengthen the total picture of this much-needed service. Her previous involvement was as director of services for the Spanish-speaking at El Paso Public Library. The diversity of minorities in California and especially in San Francisco presents a wider-based need; but she is eager to meet the challenge.

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Vivian Goodwin Entertains...(cont.)

"Her own warm personality and desire to help on the state level were appreciated by all who met and talked with her at length. It seemed to me that friendships were quickly being formed that should benefit all concerned. Her schedule included visits to both coordinators, the early childhood project, jails project librarian, Mission, Waden, Western Addition, and Chinatown branches.

"As her hostess, I was proud of the concern shown for this kind of service by our librarians. I hope they received encouragement by meeting and getting to know Yolanda Cuesta."

BARC Activity

Some members of the BARC staff conducted a reference "tele-lecture" on Friday, February 21, with the reference students at the University of Iowa. BARC members talked by telephone about reference and the BARC set-up. On the other end of the line, the students asked questions by means of a telephone/loud-speaker/microphone combination.

Also, BARC staff members Sandra Drissen, Sue Critchfield, and Anne Roughton spoke at workshops in Santa Cruz and Monterey on February 24 and 25. The workshops, sponsored by MOBAC (Monterey Bay Area Cooperative Library System), dealt with "Library Strength Through Library Networking."

New Films for Library

The following films have been received by the Library and are ready for programming. A fully annotated update of our film collection is forthcoming. This list is for your convenience in the interim.

RUFINO TAMAYO. 27 mins. col. A somberly beautiful presentation of this famous Mexican artist's works and views. Original music by Carlos Chavez and poetry by Octavio Paz.

BAGGAGE. 22 mins. b & w. San Francisco is the setting for Japanese mime Mamako Yoneyama, who struggles with an allegorical piece of baggage representing the burdens of humankind.

IRAN. 18 mins. col. A startlingly new kind of travel film by Claude Lelouch ("A Man and a Woman"). Blue ribbon winner in the 1974 San Francisco International Film Festival.

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New Films...(cont.)

STICKY MY FINGERS, FLEET MY FEET. 23 mins. col. A middle-aged man suddenly finds a humorously disconcerting challenge in his Sunday afternoon touch football games with the fellas. Based on a New York story by Gene Williams (who appears as a lead in the film).

THE SITAR. 17 mins. col. A dual sound track and a flood of visual images cut from thousands of magazines that filmmaker Frank Mouris has saved throughout his life accompany this fascinating personal statement of growing up in America. Academy Award nominee.

THE FORBIDDEN CITY. 43 mins. col. A magnificent view of Chinese art treasures in Peking's Forbidden City, formerly the sacred and imperial palace, now open to the public.

NO LIES. 16 mins. col. A revealing film which documents the attitudes and experiences of a rape victim in a most unusual way.

SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE. 10 mins. b & w. The only sound film ever made of the beloved creator of Sherlock Holmes.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Ms. Helga Mach, Professor of Children's Librarianship in the Library School of the University of Stuttgart, Germany, shared in the children's librarians' meeting on Friday, February 21. Because of the great influx of industrial workers and their families from Yugoslavia, Italy and other parts of Southern Europe, a need has arisen to provide materials for non-German speaking children to acquire survival skills in the German language for the two or three years they will be living in Germany. Toward this end, Ms. Mach is touring the United States on a six-month study grant. She is specifically interested in how minority groups are treated and bilingual materials handled in libraries for children. New York, Washington, Cleveland, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Denver public libraries, and a library on an Indian reservation bordering on Idaho and Nevada, have already been included in her itinery. As soon as she began to speak on the libraries for children in Germany, the children's librarians recognized the universality of the objectives and problems of children's work and the necessity of fighting for the rights of children and children's librarians.

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The following letter was received from the School of Nursing, University of California, San Francisco:

Mrs. Linda Geistlinger
Early Childhood Education Project

Dear Linda:

Thank you so very much for your excellent presentations to my graduate and undergraduate nursing students on the subject of children's books. They and I learned so much. Your selection was excellent and thought provoking, and having the books for them to examine adds so much.

You can see how much this information is needed by the fact that all the material you discussed was new to the students including the very existence of the project. As these young women will be influencing children and their families in the community as well as in hospitals, their greater familiarity with the library as a resource and with children's books as therapeutic tools will be most valuable.

The students join me in expressing gratitude. Congratulations on this fine project.

Sincerely,

Carol Hardgrove
Associate Clinical Professor

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Programs for Children

FILM PROGRAM, Tuesday, March 4, Sunset Branch, 10:30 a.m. (preschool): "Curious George Rides a Bike," "Matrioska," "Changes, Changes"; also at Sunset Branch, 4:00 p.m.: "Helen Keller." FILM PROGRAM, Wednesday, March 5, Visitacion Valley Branch, 10:30 a.m. (preschool): "Anatole and the Piano," "Whistle for Willie," "Anansi the Spider," "Mike Mulligan and His Steamshovel." CELEBRATION OF JAPANESE GIRLS' DAY and FILMSTRIPS, Thursday, March 6, Chinatown Branch, 10:30 a.m. (preschool): "Bear Party," "Rush Little Baby," "Mommy Buy Me a China Doll"; also at Chinatown Branch (boys and girls 6 and up), 3:30 p.m.: "Rolling Rice Ball," "Cynthia, Japanese American."

Dial-A-Story (626-6516)

"The Little Red Hen," told by Mrs. Grace Ruth, Early Childhood Specialist.

GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

The following communication was received recently by the Office of the City Librarian:

Dear Dr. Starr:

Congratulations on the remarkable advancements you have made in the city's library system.

As one who clambered up the majestic staircase of the Civic Center Library in knee pants a few decades ago, I am thinking particularly of the services now provided by telephone. They are great. For example, I addressed a difficult question on protocol tonight to a member of your staff, Lisa Carlton, and she steered me in the right direction. All, repeat, all members of your staff in other departments--literature, science, history, etc.--have been extremely helpful.

In appreciation, I would like to offer a modest token of recognition for the services being rendered by your people. It is an award, if you will, of $100 to an employee who responds to telephone inquiries. It would be nice if you could put names into a hat and draw one out.

I'll send you a check as soon as you indicate that the offer is acceptable. Call me, if necessary...

Sincerely,

John J. Boyle

REVIEW OF *OAKLAND LIBRARY SERVICE* BY MORRISON/ROWE, CONSULTANTS

This is the second survey of Oakland Public Library services in four years. The first, made in 1971 by the University of California's Oakland Project, was published in Urban Outcomes; Schools, Streets, Libraries in 1974.

From my position on the San Francisco side of the Bay, I commend the City of Oakland for searching purposefully for the answers to questions that are common to most urban libraries today. In fact, to survey the expressed needs of the people and to propose action to meet those needs were requirements specified in the $13,000 contract for the study conducted by a San Francisco firm, Morrison/Rowe, Management Consultants. It was interesting to learn, from another source, that selection of the firm had been a shared activity--a Commission Committee and a Staff Committee interviewed bidders and both arrived at the identical, unanimous choice of Morrison/Rowe. One of the principal partners is Jack Morrison, a former newsman and member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, well known in the Bay Area for

his serious concerns for civic betterment; the other is Thomas A. Rowe.

The methodology used in the seven month study was sound and gave results that correlated quite well. Population statistics from the Federal census of 1970 were studied in relation to seven regions in Oakland. A volunteer team was recruited by the Library to work on the distribution of questionnaires to both users and non-users. They found that by and large the users, approximately half the people of Oakland, are satisfied with the service they are getting, but they did have two major complaints. And familiar they are! First, the books they want are either out or not in stock. Second, they would like different hours of service. The preference was for adding Monday evenings and Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

The most satisfying feature of this survey is the resulting set of nine well-reasoned goals with judgment values that support them. Each goal has objectives that are reachable and measurable within a specified time frame. From these it is hoped to have a development plan for the Library within a year's time. The catalyst for such hopeful results is the community Reactor Panel appointed by the Mayor. It was used at all stages of the survey as a sounding board, and will be continued on a reorganized and enlarged basis.

This listing of the goals and a few selected objectives, although brief, will indicate the extent of consideration for public needs, as expressed by participants. One must also be aware that in modern management theory goals are not expected to be reached completely.

1) To maintain service outlets, such as branch libraries, reading rooms, and mobile units, that will guarantee convenient and relevant access to library and information resources to every person in Oakland.

2) To provide service in the Library facilities on such days of the week and at such hours of the day as will encourage maximum use of the Oakland Public Library.

3) To achieve a degree of community involvement in policy, and program decisions that will enhance public satisfaction with the Library and the decision-making process.

4) To undertake new programs of public information and of outreach into the various communities in Oakland...to increase the number of people who use the Library.

5) To increase the effectiveness and efficiency of library and information services by using new or improved methods or techniques... Objective: to acquire and activate the CLSI circulation system...

6) To expand, update, specialize, or diversify the book collection and other print materials... Objective: over a period of one year, weed the one-third of the book collection that is no longer useful.

7) To expand the collection of non-print library materials, such as films, tapes, phonograph records, pictures and video resources...

8) To expand the Library's capability to provide library and information services through programs of cooperation with other local public agencies, including schools and library networks.

9) To increase the financial resources available...by means of stimulating public and private support at the local level and promoting state and federal aid for cooperative interjurisdictional services. Objective: to achieve a value of service to the people of Oakland over a three-year period that will justify a per capita expenditure of $10.00 for library services to be reached--up from the present $7.19. (Note: San Francisco's expenditure is $6.61 for the 1973-1974 fiscal year.)

The statistical data and the judgment values drawn from it are very important to the action climate presented by the report. An example of this is a comparison of the recommendations on the issue of reducing a number of branches in the 1971 survey and the present one. The first survey was technically sound in recommending that the number should be reduced from 22 down to 7, but the people found this unacceptable and no action could be taken. The second proposes that there be fewer branches in the hills, more in the flatlands, based on the known facts about user patterns. It is a flexible position, offering hope for a solution.

Another important observation gained was that Oakland's non-users could be reached in large numbers in the churches and the labor unions. Population changes have come so rapidly to the Bay Area in the last five years that the authors do caution that 1970 census figures are not so reliable, particularly in regard to ethnic background.

Bay Area librarians associated with the project were Raynard Coe Swank, Effie Lee Morris, Virginia Ross Geller and William S. Geller. Other librarians should, in reading this report, feel the optimism for acceptable change in urban library services.

--Vivian Goodwin

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #4

February 28, 1975

WELCOME TO: Paul Fradella, Janitor, Main Janitorial Department
Larry Figoni, temporary Stationary Engineer

NEW PERMANENT EMPLOYEES

Congratulations to the following employees who received permanent Civil Service appointments:

Amelia Martin, Library Technical Asst. I, Visitacion Valley
Thomas Noronha, Library Technical Asst. I, Branch Room

FUNERAL PAY

Under Civil Service Rule 23.02 (d)"Absence necessitated by death of mother, mother-in-law, father, father-in-law, husband, wife, child, brother or sister, any person related by family ties who is permanently residing in the household of the employee; provided that in such case the leave shall not extend beyond the date of the burial of said deceased person, or shall not extend beyond the third (3) day after the date of death of such relative, whichever is the earlier, provided further, that if burial is outside of the State of California, one additional day shall be granted. The "date of burial" shall be deemed to include any work shift which begins prior to 6:00 a.m. of the morning immediately following the day of burial."

Under Section 23.02(e) " Absence necessitated by death of other relatives, but leave with pay in such cases shall be not for more than one (1) day to permit attendance at the funeral of the deceased."

Under Section 23.03 " ... Sick leave necessitated because of absences as defined in (b), (c), (d), and (e) of Section 23.02 of this Rule may be granted without the necessity of occupying a position for any period of time and may be granted for the periods of time as indicated in Section 23.02."

SICK PAY: (For Full-time Employees)

Civil Service records Sick Pay (SP) in units of four hours. Therefore, on the timesheets, a staff member's time may be recorded in case of illness as "4 SP/4"(indicating that half of the day was Sick Pay and that he/she worked the other part of the day) or "8 SP" (indicating that the staff member was not at work that day due to illness). All other recording of SP will be charged in the above fashion - i.e. in units of four hours. (Part-time employees are calculated on an hourly basis as they are paid on hourly timerolls.)

SCHEDULED SUNDAY WORK

Staff members who are to work on Sundays are to be scheduled to work eight hours. Therefore, the anticipated section of the time sheets for permanent staff members (if assigned to work Sundays) must indicate that they are scheduled to work eight hours. Time actually worked should be recorded on the following time sheet under "Actual Time Worked For The Two Weeks...".

EXEMPTION FROM SUNDAY WORK

All new staff members were hired with the stipulation (written on each requisition): "EXEMPT WAIVER: May be required to work Saturdays, Sundays, and/or evenings." Therefore, any employee hired under this requirement may not be excused on a regular basis from working Saturdays, Sundays and evenings. Employees hired prior to November, 1974, were hired under the stipulation: "May be required to work evenings and/or Saturdays." Any employee in this latter group having sufficiently grave reasons for not working Sundays may request, in writing, exemption from Sunday work. Such requests will be considered and may be approved by Dr. Starr. Such requests will not be accepted after March 7, 1975.

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SECURITY POLICY FOR THE MAIN LIBRARY:

The guards are employed to assist both the public and the staff in the proper use of the Main Library building. They are under the direction of the Secretary of the Library Commission and under the supervision of the Senior Stationary Engineer. They operate under the following instructions:

1. Check all patrons' and staff members' Library books and materials upon leaving the building to determine that they are properly charged out. All briefcases and bags, such as backpacks, tote bags, shopping bags (except purses) will be checked for Library materials. All Library-owned materials must have either a charge-out slip or, in the case of equipment, a slip identifying the items by name and serial number and signed by a staff member whose signature has been approved by the Secretary's Office. These signatures must be on file at the guards' desk.

   All privately owned materials brought into the Library must be checked in and out with the guards.

2. Make scheduled rounds throughout the Main Library and 45 Hyde Buildings for surveillance and to enforce posted Library rules regarding the prevention of smoking, sleeping, soliciting, drinking, eating, loud and abusive language, acts of improper conduct, etc. Check "Staff Only" areas for unauthorized persons.

3. Call the Police immediately when the situation warrants.

4. Maintain a daily log and report to the proper Library Authority all infractions.

In order to maintain these rules and regulations, the courteous cooperation of both guards and staff is required. Please identify yourself and help the guard by giving any pertinent information requested.

All matters concerning both these rules and the guards should be referred to Mr. Cerasi.

KEVIN O. STARR
City Librarian

GEORGE CERASI
Secretary, Library Commission

PLEASE ENTER THIS SHEET IN YOUR LIBRARY RULES MANUAL

BOOK SALE POSTPONED. NOTE CHANGE OF DATE.

(Location and hours remain the same)

ELEVENTH ANNUAL BOOK SALE - April 17 through 20, 1975
POLK HALL, CIVIC AUDITORIUM

Do these days of economic dislocation, deficits, dwindling cash reserves, inflation and recession give you a feeling of despair? Counterattack by coming to that oasis of success--your very own Book Sale.

We will be hard pressed to top last year's profit of almost $24,000, but with hustling (of a refined nature) plus long hours and multiple shifts, we may overcome.

This is where you come in--and you had better! Enclosed is an extra form. Give it to a friend who loves bedlam and hard work as you do.

Check the boxes below that suit you

PREVIEW SET-UP	April 16, Wednesday	9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.	( )
PREVIEW SALE	April 17, Thursday	5 p.m. - 9 p.m.	( )
SET-UP	April 18, Friday	9 a.m. - 12 noon	( )
SALE	April 18, Friday	11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.	( )
	" " "	2:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	( )
	April 19, Saturday	9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	( )
	" " "	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.	( )
	April 20, Sunday	9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	( )
	" " "	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.	( )

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Everybody come. Let's stage the economic coup of the year.

ELAINE MUNDY, Chairman

ERNA KUTA, Assistant Chairman

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advisory Council Meeting

The Advisory Council will meet at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, in the office of Vivian Goodwin. Any members having items to submit for the agenda are asked to do so no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 10.

BARC Workshop

All staff members are encouraged to attend BARC's "Reference Potpourri" Workshop on March 12 and 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Lurie Room. The workshop will be a one-day working session, which will cover various aspects of reference work. (Thursday's program will be a repetition of the Wednesday workshop.) Please pre-register by calling the BARC office: 558-2941.

Asian-American Librarians Organize

The Asian-American Librarians' Caucus (AALC) is an organization seeking affiliation with the A.L.A. The major purposes of the AALC are to provide a forum for discussion of problems and concerns, the exchange of ideas by Asian American librarians, and to recruit qualified Asian American candidates to enter the library/information science profession.

The AALC will hold several meetings in San Francisco at the time of the ALA convention. Anyone interested in further information about the AALC is urged to write to Dr. Henry Chang, Kingshill P.O. Box 84, St. Croix, U. S. Virgin Islands 00850, or Ms. Janet Suzuki, 5630 N. Sheridan, #13E, Chicago, Illinois 60660.

Hospitalized Staff Member

The O.B. notes with sorrow the continued confinement of Ms. Adele Lampros in Kaiser Hospital in Redwood City; and conveys its wishes for a speedy recovery.

KLA Forum

KLA will present a library forum from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Lurie Room on Friday, March 7. Several issues of importance to the SFPL will be discussed. Forum participants will include State Senators George Moscone and Milton Marks and Supervisors Dianne Feinstein and Quentin Kopp.

McNamee to Speak

BARC director Gil McNamee spoke to the Washington State Advisory Council on Libraries on March 6 and 7 in both Seattle and Vancouver. His subject was "Reference and Information Services in a Network."

Sweet Sound

Ms. Gail Kennard, editor of FREE, was honored as station KABL's "citizen of the day" on February 19.

Introductions

Because of virtually totally new staffs, the Bernal and West Portal branches came up with an imaginative way of introducing members of the staff to patrons: a display with photographs of each staff member, accompanied with a short biography.

Directory of Bay Area Publishers

Lisa Carlton and Sharon Wong of the General Reference Department, co-editors of the 1975 edition of the Directory of San Francisco Bay Area Publishers, are now working toward a new Fall completion date in order that the directory be "off-the-press" for the California Library Association convention in Winter, 1975. They wish to express their gratitude to librarians Keith Brehmer and Michael Martin, hired under the CETA program, who have been diligently helping them contact publishers by telephone. They are beginning to mail out letters and forms with the help of volunteers from the Friends. All staff members are asked to submit any information to them about little magazines and small presses in the Bay Area.

Send in FREE Suggestions

The editor of FREE would like suggestions for features in that publication. If any staff member would like to see stories on special services, materials, a particular branch or other staff members, please call 558-3770. (Gilda Turitz, here's your chance.)

TOGETHERNESS IN THE LIBRARY

The following report appeared in Jack Rosenbaum's column in the Sunday Ex/Chron of March 2: "For two hours the other day S. F. Public Library archivist Gladys Hanson and building engineer Al Campos couldn't escape each other. They were in the Library's police museum and Gladys kiddingly clamped a 1912 pair of handcuffs on her wrist and his. To their astonishment, the cuffs worked--and no key was available. They were driven to Potrero Station but an old key there didn't fit. A locksmith finally sawed the embarrassed pair loose."

This item brought forth to the O.B. an anonymous poem, which we reprint here:

Verses on a Shackling--in the Style of Pope

When in ebullient glee, the police artifacts were shown,
Heavens, into a panic the SFPL was thrown;
Said the archivist to the engineer, "Come look at these lovely cuffs,"
"How nice," he replied--and to her proposal there were no rebuffs.

Click went the manacles, and shackled together
Without a key this man and woman were stuck as to a tether;
Red-faced, they hurried to the nearest police station
Where they confessed to the officer in charge their situation.

"Off with their shackles," the constable roared,
And free at last, their spirits soared;
Their lesson they had well learned: first see
Before you bind your wrists if you have a key.

GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

Dr. Kevin Starr

My dear Dr. Starr:

As a humble servant of the Living Lord the Spirit bades me commend SUE in the Art Dept., a most gracious, capable, selfless vessel of priceless institutional advertising; and restoration of faith in the open-hearted lady. You are Blessed by God with His Diane, but it is to meet another.

May God continue to richly Bless you as you labor for Him. [One sentence indecipherable.]

Unsigned

CRATEFULLY RECEIVED (cont.)

Dear Official Bulletin:

A word of thanks to the SFPL for making the past three years of employment most pleasant. Special gratitude to Ms. Anne Schoficld, Ms. Glenda Hooper, and all the wonderful staff of Ortega Branch.

In the near future I hope the position of part-time pages will be more seriously recognized. The need for more hours and a raise in salary. As the situation is now it's almost utterly impossible for a page to pay tuition and living expenses without some other type of supplementary income. I also would like to see all the pages of the public library more closely united.

Farewell,

Kathy Marden

Dear Dr. Starr:

My three months here, working in the CETA program, proved to be both a lifesaver and a wonderful experience, personally as well as professionally.

Lifesaver--because after six months' searching, I was beginning to wonder if employment would ever be possible; a wonderful experience--because I was placed in a situation where I learned daily about California History and about San Francisco in Special Collections, and about the Talking Book Service in the Branch Room.

I would like to thank everyone concerned. Thank you also for the warm welcome, the carefully planned orientation and the training we were given.

Sincerely,

Genevieve Doyle

BRANCH PROGRAMS FOR BLACK HISTORY WEEK AND CHINESE NEW YEAR

The following summaries and descriptions of special programs were received from the following. The editor of the O.B. wishes to thank those who submitted these reports.

From Elsie Wong of the Richmond Branch:

"The Chinese New Year Celebration program was an overwhelming success! Traditional Chinese instrumental and vocal pieces were performed by the Chinese Music Club to a very attentive and appreciative audience of over 100 people in the Adult Room. The numbers were well chosen and skillfully performed. Unfortunately, no microphone was provided for the singers who were, at times, overpowered by the instruments. The audience was a mixed group of Chinese and white families with children, senior citizens, middle-aged couples, and adults in their 20's and 30's. Several handicapped individuals in wheelchairs, and a class from City College, were also amongst those attending. (More than half of the people were "new faces" to this branch.)

"For the second part of the program, the audience grew to about 150 in number as more young men in their teens and 20's came. Wong Doc Fai and his students put on an excellent and exciting exhibition that lived up to the expectations of the crowd. The enthusiastic audience especially enjoyed the fast rough-and-tumble 'boxing' match, the very complicated 'flying sword' number, and the graceful and beautiful Tai Chi exercise. Many showed great interest in learning Kung fu and stayed afterwards to talk to Master Wong and his students.

"One very pleasing outcome of the program was the introduction of the library to some of the Chinese members of the audience. Several said that they had resided in the district for years without knowing of the existence of this branch; others did not know of our Chinese collection."

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From Carl Cox of the Western Addition Branch:

"I am pleased to say that the Black History Programs and films at Western Addition Branch were successful and very worthwhile for the 220 people who attended the programs. Our theme this year was the Black Woman in America. Among the most noted participants were Aileen Hernandez (Urban Consultant), Kendra Alexander of the Communist Party, and Dr. Barbara Christian (U.C.-Berkeley). The programs covered thoughts and views on historical and comtemporary black women and the image of black women in literature. In keeping with the founding philosophy of Black History, many myths and stereotypes of black women were dispelled and proven to be incorrect. The questions and answers were intriguing and intelligent. I was pleased at the number of radio reporters who attended the programs.

"Our film programs were very entertaining and enlightening for those who attended. Two Australian women who attended the programs and films felt that they had learned a lot about the problems and culture of Black Americans."

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Preparations for the American Issues Forum discussions are escalating as the beginning dates approach. Booklists to be used with the Adult and Children's discussion groups throughout the United States have been developed in a crash program. The Chairman of the Children's Booklist, Ms. Effie Lee Morris, has just returned from the final session in Chicago. From the first meeting in Chicago in December, the committee, composed of six school and public children's librarians from throughout the country, read over 600 books and selected films and other non-print materials which were evaluated in four days of intensive discussion and previewing last week. Similar activities were taking place in the adult committee meeting. The lists will appear in a spring issue of The Booklist so that libraries may order and have the materials on the shelves by September. Both the adult and children's lists will be formally introduced at the American Library Association conference in San Francisco in June.

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Film Programs for Children

RICHMOND BRANCH, Wednesday, March 12: at 7:30 p.m. (preschool)--"Hailstones and Halibut Bones," "Frederick", "Gilberto and the Wind." (Theme: Beauty and Warmth in Color.)

EUREKA VALLEY BRANCH, Thursday, March 13: at 1:30 p.m. (preschool)--"Jenny's Birthday," "Little Blue and Little Yellow," "Madeline's Rescue." (Theme: Friends.)

EUREKA VALLEY BRANCH, Thursday, March 13: at 4:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up)--"Helen Keller,"

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Dial-A-Story (626-6516)

"The Rich Man and the Shoemaker," a fable by La Fontaine, told by Mrs. Linda Geistlinger, Early Childhood Specialist.

ADDENDA ET CORRIGENDA

In a list of new films acquired by the SFPL--given in last week's C.B.--there were three errors. For the film STICKY MY FINGERS, FLEET MY FEET, the notation should be "...Based on a New Yorker story by Gene Williams..." The film SITAR had the wrong description. It should be:

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ADDENDA ET CORRIGENDA (cont.)

"THE SITAR. 17 mins. col. Sitarist Rooshikumar Pandya demonstrates various aspects of the instrument--strings, plectrum, microtones, tuning. Good discussion of the intuitive and improvised nature of the raga form. Great shots of the instrument from various angles."

For THE FRANK FILM (not listed last week), the description should read: "9 mins. col. A dual sound track and a flood of visual images cut from thousands of magazines that filmmaker Frank Mouris has saved throughout his life accompany this fascinating personal statement of growing up in America. Academy Award nominee."

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #5

March 7, 1975

EMPLOYMENT FREEZE

It is our understanding that the "employment freeze" to help balance the City budget will not affect anyone presently on rolls. However, its intent is to save money by not filling positions as employees resign. The resolution of the Board of Supervisors states that personnel requisitions funded from permanent City funds shall not be approved except for certain police, firemen and hospital workers. It also authorizes the Mayor's Fiscal Policy Committee to fill vacant positions which it determines are necessary for the preservation of public peace, property, health, safety, and the uninterrupted operation of any City and County departments. Further information, when available, will be posted in the Official Bulletin.

EASTER SUNDAY

The Library will be closed on Easter Sunday, March 30. As this is not a legal holiday, all employees should be scheduled to work their 40 hours Monday, March 31 through Saturday, April 5. All employees must confer with their supervisors as to their schedules for that week.

WELCOME TO: Karen Goldman, Librarian I (CETA), General Reference
Ms. Mariquit Lazaro, Jr. Clerk Typist, Catalog Dept.
Mr. Dilio Guglielmi, permanent Stationary Engineer

Welcome back to Judy Yung, who will be assigned to the Anza Branch as a part-time Librarian I.

TRANSFER

Marcia Schneider, Librarian I, from Anza Branch to Branch Room.

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SUMMARY OF COMMISSION MEETING - MARCH 4, 1975

--Dr. Starr reported on the effects of the city employment and capital improvements freeze on the SFPL. He maintained that because of CETA employees this freeze will not be felt at the lower levels.

--A minority recruitment training program grant of $12,500 has been requested.

--Mr. Charles Fracchia has prepared a grant proposal to the National Endowment for the Humanities for the Library's proposed bicentennial program--the San Francisco Literary Experience.

--Mrs. Oberstein has been updating the SCOWAH catalogue for publication soon.

--The Commission approved cooperation with a project of Professor Joseph Esherick of the U.C. School of Architecture whereby his students would make a designing study of Marshall Square and of a new Main Library.

--The Commission approved a program whereby librarians would be deputized as voter registrars.

--Dr. Starr also reported on the following matters: that a grant for book conservation had been applied for from the National Endowment for the Arts; that the SFPL had offered assistance to the United Irish Cultural Center and Resource Center on Holistic Health/Cultural Medicine in the support and organization of their special libraries; on the duties and activities performed by the CETA employees; that the initial pilot program for Bookbridge has proven successful and that there are plans to expand the program; and that there has been a major improvement in the library's security.

SUMMARY OF COMMISSION MEETING...(cont.)

--A discussion on the San Francisco Information Center's desire to establish a service in the Library was held. It was the consensus of the Commissioners that the proposal needed more study.

--Mr. Cerasi reported that Mrs. Salz, who in 1929 commissioned the artist Piazzoni to do the murals on the second floor of the library, had offered to have these murals cleaned. The Commission approved the offer and thanked Mrs. Salz for her generous offer.

--The Commission passed a resolution authorizing the attendance of Mr. Gilbert McNamee at Phase III of the U.S. Office of Education Institute for Trainers at Peaceful Valley, Colorado.

--The Commission authorized Carl Cox to attend the workshop sponsored by the Association of Black Correctional Workers at the Airport Marina Hotel (Burlingame).

--The Commission authorized Jim Reilly to attend two conferences: Interlibrary Loan Workshop at Aspen, Colorado, and the Clinic on Library Application of Data Processing at Champaign, Illinois.

--Mr. Cerasi reported that, despite the capital improvements freeze, funds for the installation of lighting for the Anza and Potrero branches had been released.

SUMMARY OF ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING - MARCH 12, 1975

--Dr. Starr announced the temporary appointment of Ms. Vivian Goodwin as chief of technical services. Ms. Eunice Parker, whose appointment as acting chief of technical services was announced earlier, has been sitting on jury duty for a long trial, and therefore unable to assume her duties. She will remain at this time branch assistant; and Ms. Goodwin will remain administrative deputy (as well as chief of technical services).

--It was announced that at the present rate, page hours will be spent by the end of May. All are asked to conserve on page hours.

--The tasks of rewriting the staff manual were allocated.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scrapbook in for Award

Ms. Dalisay Bocobo-Palunsat of the General Reference Department has submitted her scrapbook entitled "Vibrations of a Vital Community," depicting the 1974 Philippine Cultural Week, to the John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Awards contest.

Return Your Books

Received from Sharon Wong, General Reference: "We are all aware of the problem of book loss in the library. However, many of us are also at fault. Are there books which have been sitting around your home or office for weeks, even months, unread, or read and not returned? While as library employees we may have greater access to the materials here, let's not abuse this privilege. Others may have need of these books."

Book Sale

The Friends of the SFPL continue to urge any library staff member who wishes to sign up as a volunteer for the book sale.

Library Course to Use SFPL as Living Laboratory

Dr. Fay Blake, lecturer in the School of Librarianship at the University of California at Berkeley, will conduct a class--282A, Municipal and County Libraries--for the Spring Quarter; and has designated the SFPL as a "living laboratory" for this course on the urban public library. Members of the staff are being asked to speak to the students on their duties; and members of Dr. Blake's class will spend time in the SFPL observing the functions of an urban public library.

CVRP Volunteers

Craig Schiller, CVRP production specialist, will hold the first meeting of volunteers interested in working on CVRP productions on Tuesday, March 18, 1975, at 10:00 a.m. in the Lurie Room.

Help!

The Young Adult Committee is in urgent need of chess sets for the Young Adult Chess Tournament. If you have one (or more) to lend, please call Glenda Hooper, 681-1848.

Esperanto Conference

The Tenth All-California Esperanto Conference will take place on April 4-6. The public program will be held in the SFPL. Any wishing further information, call 342-1796.

Calling All Pygmies

Any branch librarians who would like an exhibit on the Pygmy Forest in Mendocino County, please call Mrs. Scannell. The exhibit is on four panels--each 4' x 8'.

Comic Books in the Library

Received from Glenda Hooper, Ortega Branch: "Using a small portion of the Alfred Sutro Fund for the purchase of recreational library materials, the Young Adult Committee recently purchased some four hundred comic books. The comic books will be circulated from Bernal, Ortega, and Richmond branches. It is hoped that they will serve as a drawing card for the younger teenager. An article in the Library Journal of October 15, 1974, was the impetus for the experimental program."

Chiefs and Coordinators Meeting

A meeting of the chiefs and coordinators will be held on Tuesday, March 18, at 3:30 p.m. in Ms. Goodwin's office. All items for the agenda should be submitted to Griff Stokes by 3:00 p.m. on March 17.

GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

Dr. Kevin Starr

Dear Dr. Starr:

We would like to share with you the fact that Mr. Joe Sugg, Director of the Golden Gate Valley Branch Library, recently gave his assistance to John Sullivan, Daly City Community Service Librarian, and to Maryella Stratton, Volunteer Services Coordinator, in developing a format for an Outreach Manual for the Daly City Libraries' Outreach program, which is city-wide and is now going into its fifth year.

Mr. Sugg's help saved us many hours of work, for which we are most grateful.

Sincerely,

Maryella Stratton
John Sullivan

O.B. CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Starr received the following letter from Ms. Dorothy Hood, signed by all members of the Art and Music Department, which was then forwarded to the editor of the O.B. for response:

In the absence of Miss Ashe, I am writing as acting head of the Art & Music Department to express my concern and protest the tastelessness and complete lack of support from on high (God notwithstanding) towards one of our staff members. The publication of the letter about Sue was humiliating to her and all of us who for years have conducted a continuing "experiment in excellence" and faced and successfully handled the nitty-gritty of day-to-day sad and demented patrons, along with rewarding contacts.

The letter to Dr. Starr from the editor of the O.B. is as follows:

Dear Dr. Starr:

Man, said Aristotle, is an animal that laughs. I am completely baffled by Ms. Hood's note and by her reference to the humiliation of Sue and the rest of the Art & Music Department. Not by the wildest exertion of one's imagination can I envisage the hypersensitivity and lack of humor which would call forth such a reaction.

In these times, which are already strained with dismal international and domestic news, it strikes me that wit and humor are necessary to ward off the malaise of economic and social problems.

Letters commending members of the staff are published as a matter of course in the O.B. The letter about Sue and the Art & Music Department was a letter of commendation--no matter how bizarrely written. It was also published as a humorous aside to illustrate the wide range of letters received by the SFPL. If I unwittingly pricked someone's oversensitivities, I apologize.

Yours truly,

Harvey Chuzzlewit
Editor, O.B.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Miss Effie Lee Morris attended the Advisory Committee meetings for Title II E.S.E.A. for School Libraries, March 6 and 7 in Sacramento. She is one of the original members of the committee appointed by the Governor in 1965.

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Programs for Children

CHILDREN'S ROOM, MAIN LIBRARY. Filmstrip programs, Wednesday, March 19: at 10:00 a.m.--"Corduroy", "Dandelion", "Tears of the Dragon"; and at 4:15 p.m. (ages 6 and up)--"Mourka the Mighty Cat," "Extraordinary Tug of War," "Ma Lien and the Magic Brush."

WEST PORTAL BRANCH. Film programs, Wednesday, March 19: at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. (preschool) --"Little Train," "Three Robbers," "Leopold the See Through Crumbpicker"; and at 4:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up)-- "Giving Tree," "Just Say 'Hic'", "Ali Baba."

NORTH BEACH BRANCH. Film program, Thursday, March 20: at 10:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (ages 3-5)--"Rosie's Walk," "Petunia", "Swimmy".

EXCELSIOR BRANCH. Film program, Thursday, March 20: at 10:00 a.m. (ages 3-5)--"Ugly Duckling," "Stone Soup," "Caterpillar and Wild Animals"; and at 4:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up)--"Sleeping Beauty," "Legend of Sleepy Hollow."

PORTOLA BRANCH. Film program, Saturday, March 22: at 2:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up)--"I'm Going to be the Lion's Head," "Reflections", "Siu Mei Wong."

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Dial-A-Story (626-6516) continues with "Old Mother Hubbard," told by Mrs. Grace Ruth, Early Childhood Specialist.

EGO CIVIS SANCTI FRANCISCI SUM

When St. Paul uttered his famous "Ego civis Romanus sum", it was not merely to escape a punishment which could not be administered to Roman citizens; it was declaimed with pride. To be part of a community should engender pride and loyalty. For San Franciscans, the urge to preserve the quality of life which makes this city so unique should accompany our pride in being part of a distinctive urban center.

The SFPL Commission recently passed a resolution which

allowed all librarians to be deputized as voter registrants. This means that librarians in all of the almost 30 libraries in the City and County of San Francisco will be able to perform a public service to the citizens of San Francisco and gather, while so doing, a great store of good will for the Library.

There have been many examples of good will for various causes coming out of interested parties being involved in voter registration: the work of librarians and other city employees in registering voters is widely credited with the defeat of Proposition L in the last city election.

At a time when the SFPL is striving for a large increase in its budget, is seeking the Marshall Square site for a new Main Library, and desires the voters to approve the construction of a new Main Library for more than $50 million, it is important that the outreach to the community be as extensive and positive as possible.

It is envisaged that all those registering to vote at one of the branches or at the Main Library will also be asked if they have a library card, and, if not, encouraged to obtain one. If there are times when a librarian's work load does not permit voter registration, the Registrar of Voters will send a deputy registrar to assist. It should be kept in mind that only San Francisco residents are entitled to be deputized as voter registrars.

This is a splendid opportunity for the SFPL to gain the kind of public support it needs in the coming years to enhance its service to San Francisco.

FESTIVAL OF YOUNG FILMMAKERS

The Festival of Young Filmmakers, sponsored by the Young Adult Committee and funded by the Mayor's Youth Fund, took place on March 7 and 8 at the Eureka Valley Branch. Over two hundred attended the two-evening happening. On Friday night the judges --Eric Anderson, a winner from the first Festival, Arnie Wong and Les Goldman, local filmmakers, and Stephanie Rowe, The Whole World librarian--watched the twenty films that had been selected by the Young Adult Committee for showing at the Festival from the twenty-six films submitted. At 12:45 a.m. Saturday the judges announced their decisions to the Committee and a weary crew locked up the branch for the night. Saturday evening Kevin Starr, City Librarian, presented the awards. The two $25.00 lab service awards were won by Bill Foss of San

Francisco for "Gertie the Cockroach/The Hair Affair" and Jim Slotnick of San Francisco for "Presundity on Funday." The two $50 purchase awards were won by Bill Knowland of Piedmont for "Evolution" and Ed Muller of San Francisco for "Dillinger's Dead." The two $100 purchase awards were won by Doug Barker of San Ramon for "Coolhead Gets Hot" and the Woodrow Wilson High School Film Class of San Francisco for "Cry Thug." The $200 purchase award was won by Bill Foss for "Nimrod." All of the purchase award films will be added to the SFPL Adult film collection.

The Young Adult Committee would again like to acknowledge the assistance it received from Joan Walton and her staff at Eureka Valley Branch. Special thanks are given to Bill Taylor and Rocky Graham, A-V technicians.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #6

March 14, 1975

WELCOME TO: David Ranalli, Library Assistant (CETA), Catalog Dept.
Ann Carey, Library Assistant (CETA), Office of Children's Services
Darrell Edwards, Janitor (CETA), Main Library
Niccolo Caldararo, Full-time Page, History Dept.

Best wishes to Adele Lampros, Book Repairer in Technical Services, on her retirement.

LEAVES:

Jane Lannak, Children's Librarian at Ortega Branch, to personal leave effective March 15.

Margie Sin, Clerk Typist, BARC, on leave to accept temporary promotion with Board of Education effective March 1.

ASSIGNMENTS:

George Liu, Library Assistant, to Chinatown Branch.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT:

Supervising Librarian, Option 2 (Technical Services), San Mateo County; Salary: $1,078 monthly. Administers the activities of the technical services unit of the County Library System. Qualifications include a valid California driver's license, Master's Degree in Library Science from an accredited library school, and four years of supervisory or management experience with two years in catalog or order work. File applications before March 24 to: San Mateo County Civil Service Commission
County Government Center
Redwood City, California 94063
(415) 364-5600 Ext. 2.63

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LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BARC Workshop

BARC will hold its workshop "A Reference Potpourri" on Friday, April 4, in the Lurie Room, beginning at 9:00 p.m. All persons wishing to attend must pre-register by Friday, March 28.

Advisory Council

There will be an Advisory Council meeting on Tuesday, March 25, at 3:30 p.m. in the Office of the City Librarian. Any items for the agenda should be submitted to Griff Stokes (558-4235) by 3:00 p.m. on March 24.

Exhibit

The second floor of the Main Library has an exhibit of Sir Francis Drake and the Golden Hinde (I and II) from the famous collection of Mr. Robert Power.

Generous Patron

Mrs. Freda Hahn, a patron of the Main Library, recently donated $40 to the Library, which she suggested be used for Black reference material. The money will be used to purchase a bibliography entitled Blacks and Their Contribution to the American West.

Sex in Children's Books

"Anything You Want to Be, Sex Roles in Children's Books" will be discussed by Nancy Schimmel, a librarian in Half Moon Bay, at a dinner meeting of the San Francisco Chapter of the Women's National Book Association on Tuesday, March 25, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sea Wolf Restaurant in Jack London Square (Oakland). Those interested in attending may call 621-0637 for reservations.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

Name Changes

Effective immediately, the administrative assistant to the City Librarian will be designated the executive assistant, the present incumbent of the position of secretary to the City Librarian is designated the administrative assistant, and the position of typist in the City Librarian's office is replaced by the position of secretary/receptionist.

GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

Dear Ms. Chris Collens,

Thank you very much for the tour you supervised at the Main Library. It was very interesting. Our class was surprised about the many and different varieties of books they have at the library. The information on the records of the people who live or lived in San Francisco was interesting. It was nice of you to spend your time on the tour for us. You got into very good detail on every section of the library. Without your supervision of the tour on the library we would not have known as much on the library, but with your supervision, it made our visit to the library very educational. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Steve Shimamoto
Room 201 Secretary
Lafayette School

Dear Doctor Starr:

Thank you for giving up your time to speak to us. We really enjoyed your lecture on the library and its history. We enjoyed your company and hope to see you again. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Steven Jow
Room Secretary
Room 201, Lafayette School

GRATEFULLY RECEIVED (cont.)

Dear Mayor Alioto:

It seems as if the employees in the Main Library do not care enough about the people who pay their salaries, and who like other city employees are demanding a bigger raise than private workers received.

When you go there all or most of the typewriters and copy machines are out of order, next day, and day after its the same, when all they have to do is call the company that owns them for service.

Another thing thats very costly and maddening is that if you call there for a particular department, the switchboard operator does not say main or public library, as in places of business, then if the department is busy, even for 10 seconds, they will cut you off, and say nothing, it cost her nothing. If they don't like those type of jobs, they should not take them, as they are not doing any one a favor in taking jobs that they do not intend to do as well as they can.

The library hours should be posted instantly and the clerks should not engage in personal conversation, as they do behind the desk while people are reading, or waiting to ask them a question, some times there are as many as 4 talking, and quite loud too.

Hoping these annoying situations can be cleared up, so the public can get the service it pays for.

Annoyed,

Arthur M. Hughes
1614 Jackson St., San Francisco

Main Library

To Whom It May Concern:

The Whole World Section of the Library stopped at the North of Market Senior Center yesterday. The delightful films were wonderful entertainment for the Senior Citizens who eat in our daily lunch program. We were also pleased to have access to the mediamobile book library. Most of the Tenderloin Seniors like to read. It is not only a way to pass the time, but provides a great pleasure for them. Many find using the Main Library a bit overwhelming...

Very truly yours,

Linell Fromm, Health Educator

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED--O.B.

Dear sir:

I am a registered voter in Berkeley. Does this disqualify me as a voter registrar or should I register patrons at the Berkeley Public Library?

Ellen Shatter
Catalogue Department

(Ed. Response: Yes, you are disqualified from registering San Francisco voters; but maybe you could register patrons at the Berkeley Public Library on an inter-library loan.)

Dear sir:

The Pubic Relations sign on floor 2-1/2 is really quite charming, but don't you think it's a bit misleading?

Carol Zajchowski
BARC

(Ed. Response: I don't know. These are days of innovation for libraries.)

Dear sir:

Regarding the letter from the Art & Music Dept. staff members, we feel that your response shows a lack of sensitivity, and we would recommend that the future policy for the O.B. on publication of letters about staff include obtaining the staff member's permission to print such letters. That should preclude any misunderstandings and hurt feelings.

Vivian Kobayashi
Gilda Turitz
Branch Room

Dear sir:

Your reply to our thoughts on correspondence matters shows your complete lack of consideration towards the staff at large of this library. I assure you that I am not alone in my feelings that I want to see any correspondence regarding me before you include it in the O.B. It is not your exclusive tool for communication. In the future, I hope you have more consideration for the individuals in this institution.

Cher de la Mere
Art & Music

(Ed. Response to the previous two letters: "Ἀλλ' ἐάν τις ἐλύπησε, δὲν ἐλύπησεν ἐμέ, εἰμὴ κατὰ μέρος, διὰ νὰ μὴ ἐπι-βαρύνω πάντας ὑμᾶς." etc.)

Dear sir:

I'm glad to see the branch libraries getting involved in their communities by becoming registrars of voters. Let's not stop there. Branches would make excellent pay stations for utility bills, garbage bills and parking fines. If these succeed, we could begin selling BART tickets and FAST passes. Our many affluent patrons would probably be happy to see Ticketron outlets as handy as their branch library. With a little training, branch librarians could give chest x-rays, accept blood donations and administer flu shots.

We should be able to get some kind of fee from the utilities and other companies for our services. This aspect should appeal to the profit minded "librarians" in the front office. Others must admit that these services, in combination with the movies, dance shows and chess tournaments, will bring many previous non-users into the branches.

Grandma Chuzzlewit

(Ed. Response: To the best of my knowledge, we are not related--both of my grandmothers being dead. But, this does not stop me from nominating you for the Schmulowitz Wit and Humor Award, the Jonathan Swift Irony Award, and SFLA Award for Imaginative Uses of Libraries for Bringing In Non-Users.)

Dear sir:

In the interest and spirit of conservation, I'd like to suggest that you at least consider printing on both sides of the paper when publishing the O.B.

Mary Goldthorpe

(Ed. Response: Thank you for the suggestion. It has already been considered, but I have been told that there are technical reasons why this can't be done.)

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Film Program for Children

GLEN PARK BRANCH, Wednesday, March 26: at 1:30 p.m. (preschool)--"Make Way for Ducklings," "Petunia", "Story of Ping," "Changes, Changes"; and at 3:30 p.m. (ages 6 and up)--"Dragon Stew," "Dragon Tears," "Caterpillar and the Wild Animals."

Dial-A-Story (626-6516)

"Old Mother Hubbard," told by Mrs. Grace Ruth, Early Childhood Specialist.

REPORT OF CLA COUNCIL MEETING

The following report of the CLA Council Meeting, held on February 21 at the International Hotel, Los Angeles, was submitted by Ms. Eunice Parker:

1. Anyone connected with libraries is encouraged to join the Freedom to Read Foundation--$10.00 per year. Litigation is continuing in the suit against the Attorney General. At issue now is the ruling that exempts librarians from prosecution. The Judge is being asked to broaden the ruling to include all library employees.

2. Everyone interested in libraries is encouraged to write members of Congress to restore the cut in LSCA funds.

3. Everyone is encouraged to write members of the California Legislature to vote for the Mosk bill that will reduce the percentage of votes needed to pass library bond issues. Of 192 bond issues in 1974, only 2 passed.

4. There is an average of 250 calls per week to job line. Ways are sought to install a machine in Southern California.

5. There was close to maximum attendance of Council at this meeting. The next meeting will be held at the Airport Marina Hotel in San Francisco. Members are encouraged to continue seeking funds for attendance from their own libraries.

6. CLA archives are housed at the Bancroft Library.

GALLIMAUFRY

Oil Produced Books

The following letter was received by the Literature Department--in Arabic with this English translation:

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to present to your goodself one copy of my two Arabic books "Muslims in Yugoslavia" and "Muslims in Guinea."

Please add these two books to the collection of your overflown library.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Mohammed Safoit Alsaqqa Amini)
Deputy Director General
Rabitatul Aalamil Islami,
Mecca al-Mukarrama

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #7

March 21, 1975

CITY FUNDED POSITIONS:

New Assignments

Thomas Fowler	Librarian II	to	Catalog Dept.
Ellen Shatter	Librarian I	to	Order Dept.
Christina Donohoe	Lib. Tech. Asst. I	to	Order Dept.

New Placement Requests

Anyone interested in the following positions, please send a written statement to Personnel by noon Wednesday, March 26.

Librarian I	-	Ortega Branch, Childrens
Librarian II	-	Art/Music
Lib. Tech. Asst. I	-	Portola Branch
Lib. Tech. Asst. I	-	Main Children's Room
Clerk Stenographer	-	Personnel Dept.

FEDERALLY FUNDED POSITIONS:

New Assignments

Mehr Khan	Lib. Tech. Asst. I	to	Anza Branch

New Placement Requests

Anyone interested in the following positions, please send a written statement to Personnel by noon Wednesday, March 26.

Library Tech. Asst. I	-	B.A.R.C.
" " " "	-	Periodicals
" " " "	-	History
" " " "	-	Richmond Branch
Library Assistant	-	Ocean View Branch
" "	-	Mission Branch
" "	-	Catalog Dept. (typing required)
Clerk Typist	-	B.A.R.C.
Librarian I	-	Talking Books/Special Collections

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT:

Librarian (College of Marin) Full-time subbatical leave replacement, fall semester beginning August 15, 1975. Salary: $5,706-$8,672. Responsibilities include classroom and individualized library instruction and reference work with students and faculty. Required eligibility or possession of California Community College credential in librarianship, reference and classroom teaching. Apply to : Library Director
College of Marin
Kentfield, CA. 94904
(415) 454-3962, Ext. 275

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Affirmative Action Workshop

An affirmative action workshop, entitled "The Library Professionl Management and Title VII," will be held on April 4-5 at the Senator Hotel in Sacramento. Anyone interested in further information may contact Ms. Eunice Parker (558-3985).

Retirement

Her colleagues drank coffee and ate cake in the rare books room of the Main Library to say goodbye to Ms. Marian Oberstein, who is retiring after fifteen years with the San Francisco Public Library. Ms. Oberstein, who, for the past two years has presided over the rare books and special collections operation of the Library, witnessed the recent rapid expansion of these special collections.

Award

The entire Library is pleased and offers its congratulations to Dalisay Bocobo-Balunsat of General Reference, whose scrapbook on last year's library-sponsored Phillippine Festival Week won the John Cotton Dana Award for Library Public Relations.

Be a State Librarian

Applications for state librarian positions are available at the State Personnel Office and must be filed before April 11. Appointments are anticipated with the California Maritime Academy, State Library, Office of Legislative Counsel, Department of the Youth Authority, and the Department of Transportation.

Bilingual Positions

The deadline for departmental requests for bilingual positions is May 1, 1975.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

Upbeat Management Note

The St. Louis County Library reports its branch and bookmobile staff handled 37% of voter registrations for the county; 3,557 signed up to vote at one branch alone.

Business Branch

A long-awaited article on the SFPL's Business Library, entitled "An Index to the Corporate Community," appears in the March issue of San Francisco Business.

Record Inventory

From Mary Ashe, Art and Music: "The Art and Music Department is preparing for an inventory of the music record collection. We except awful revelations, but staff members can help to ease the pangs by returning albums so the shelves will be as full as possible on the April 6th beginning date. Feel sort of Fine Free again."

MIRIAM ALLEN DE FORD

The Literature Department is grieved by the death this week of Miriam Allen De Ford (Mrs. Maynard Shipley). Mrs. Shipley was for years one of our steadiest, staunchest, and favorite patrons. She would come in at least once a week to gather in all the new, good mystery and sci fi titles, saying that she needed to know what the competition was doing, especially the new young competition. She was shy and a bit crusty on the surface until you broke through that crust to the brightness and warmth and lively humor beneath. She was a professional writer in the best sense--a real pro--hardworking, careful, principled, serious but objective about her work, and absolutely without pretentiousness or pomposity. She hated being lionized and wanted only to get on with her work, whatever the current project was: a novel, a short story, a television script, an article, a collection of true crime stories, poems, editing short story anthologies, revising her Dictionary of Contemporaries, Who Was When. Just last year she did a TV script for Orson Welles, and just last year she said she thought she had "one more book in her," and indeed she had. She was then 85. A remarkable, indomitable lady. We already miss her.

--Submitted by Nancy Nee

MS. ERFORD RESPONDS

The editor of the Official Bulletin received a communication from Ms. Esther Erford, who produces the OB, in response to those who clamor for the OB to be printed on both sides. Exerpts are below: "Of course it would be possible to run the OB on both sides if one

MS. ERFORD RESPONDS (cont.)

were able to spend the full week, or even a substantial portion of it, as a full-time OB typist/mimeograph operator/assembler/stapler....As a full-time OB getter-outer, I would have the time, after running pages on one side, to wait the required several hours until the static electricity disappeared...."

GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

Dear Mr. Starr;

I've been a San Francisco resident for almost two years and I have been astonished that in so great a city it is practically impossible to find a library quiet enough to read in.

Various members of your staff make unnecessary noise. I have seen this occur many times in the branch libraries, and in the main one. There seems to be no escape from librarians talking loudly behind their desks, and assistants scraping chairs shrilly against tables, banging books, and even outbursts of laughter. At one of the branch libraries, I asked a young employee kindly to place the chairs against the tables, and not bang them around. She flatly refused. In the Periodical Room of the main library, I once asked one of your staff members to lower his radio -- who would dare say turn it off? He was playing rock music in the stacks behind the main desk. He thought I was kidding.

I have heard similar complaints from other library patrons. I think many of us would appreciate it if you could do something about this problem.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

William S. Hyman
229 - 19th Avenue, San Francisco

Dear Dr. Starr:

One day last week I was looking for the Library and accidentally strayed into a part of another building, which I learned, you call the Catalog Department.

There I was greeted by a soot sovered person, who on closer inspection proved to be one of your librarians. After shaking off some of the dirt, she was most gracious in showing me around (my, oh my!) and steering me back on the right path. I am duly impressed by the mountains of books and other materials I saw; I've never seen so many books in one place.

GRATEFULLY RECEIVED (cont.)

Gee, wouldn't it be nice to see them on the shelves in the Main Library?

Maybe you will let me come back some other time to feast my eyes on this mountain of knowledge.

Yours truly,

(Name Withheld)

CORRESPONDENCE: OB

Dear Editor, Official Bulletin:

I have just finished reading the last Official Bulletin and I'm compelled to tell you that I'm appalled by the lack of taste and substance of your editorial responses to letters, queries and suggestions from the library staff.

Granted that we need humor in our drab lives, particularly of late, but the OB's current vogue of condescension and evasiveness is neither welcome nor very funny. It's obvious you ar striving mightily for laughs but we find your efforts sophomoric and, under the circumstances, totally inappropriate.

If we write to you it's because letters to the editor are one of only a very few avenues of communication left open to us and because we have questions we think need straightforward answers, not smart-ass riposte.

Sincerely,

Rene Morales, History Department

(Ed. Response: Quod scripsi scripsi. Allegations of lack of taste and substance without a supporting critique are meaningless. Accusations of sophomoric and inappropriate efforts without a correlative bill of particulars seem petty. Blasts a condescension and evasiveness seem to arise in the eye of the beholder. What honest questions have not received substantive, straightforward answers? What meaningful library news has not been reported? Is wit and humor so dead, is irony so out of touch, is satire so dessicated that their liberating effects are no longer recognized? Surely the custodians of the works of Pope and Swift, of Mencken and Moliere, and of Bierce and Beerbohm are the last who should rail.)

POLICY DIRECTIVE

Dr. Starr has sent the following missive to:

Memo To: Mr. Cerasi

I am directing and taking full responsibility for the following administrative order:

"Known carriers of lice or manifestly filthy persons are to be asked to leave the Library by the guards, who will be summoned in such cases. These individuals are a danger to themselves and a danger to other people. I do not wish to engage in an extensive theoretical consideration on this matter. The citizens of San Francisco have a right to be free from contamination in public places. I take full legal responsibility in this matter. If anyone threatens to sue, then let them sue me. I shall be proud to appear in court and proclaim that I insured the health and protected the rights of our patrons. The same is true for sex offenders."

cc: Al Campos
Bill Ramirez

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Sergei Vladimirovich Mikhalkov, Sergei Petronich Alekseev, and Irina Petrovna Tokmakova, three Soviet authors of books for children, visited the Children's Librarians meeting on March 21, 1975. Members of the Soviet Writers' delegation visiting the United States under the U.S. -- U.S.S.R. Cultural Exchange Agreement, these authors were specifically interested in literature for American children. Mrs. Tokmakova established immediate rapport with the group by saying Children's Librarians are the best people in the world, and that they had never met a Children's Librarian who was cold hearted. Libraries for children in Russia are maintained in separate buildings. Books are provided so that the children may pursue their own interests; textbooks are not included. Only women work in the libraries. They know the readers well, and talk to the children about their many concerns. There are various circles such as shess or sheckers. Authors tell stories and read poetry to the children. Books illustrated by Maurice Sendak are well liked by the Russian children. Mr. Mikhalkov, Chairman, Union of Writers of the R.S.F.S.R. explained the organization of the union and expressed his pleasure, that although the union is made up of all types of writers, he, a children's writer, had been chosen as Chairman of the National organization. He said, Children's Librarians are for writers and are some of the most special intellectual people. Mr. Alekseev is the author of the most widely used History of the U.S.S.R. for the primary grades. It was a standard text for 11 years and has been translated into all the languages of the Soviet Union and many foreign languages. It was translated in English in India, not as a textbook but for those who wanted to read about Russia. Mr. Alekseev

has also written many stories for small children and commented that it is much more difficult to write for children than for adults. The Children's Librarians had an opportunity to ask many questions which were graciously answered by the visitors. This was another of the many enriching experiences provided for Children's Librarians by Miss Effie Lee Morris, Children's Coordinator.

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The following letter was received by Mr. Peter Connolly, Children's Librarian, West Portal Branch.

March 12, 1975

Dear Peter,

On behalf of the boys and girls at the Forest Hill Christian Church Nursery School I want to thank you so very much for visiting our school.

The children enjoyed your stories and they enjoyed you. You are a wonderful storyteller and a great Librarian. The children have shown a greater interest in looking and listening to books since you visited.

We are looking forward to our visit at the Library, and I'm sure more and more families will start using the Library as a result of these visits. Thank you again so very much for coming.

Sincerely,

Sally Barrett

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Dial-A-Story (626-6515)

Houses found in Mother Goose told by Mrs. Grace Ruth, Early Childhood Specialist.

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LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Desks Arrive

Our able Secretary to the Commission, George Cerasi, and our stalwart Chief Engineer, Al Campos, secured for the SFPL over sixty desks. These desks are now being brought into the Library; and requisitions for them should be sent to Mr. Cerasi. He will analyze these requisitions, and make his decisions accordingly.

Weekly Pow-Wow

There will be a meeting of the chiefs and coordinators in the office of the City Librarian on Tuesday, April 8, at 3:30 p.m. Please submit agenda items to Griff Stokes by 3:00 p.m. on the day previous.

Excess Envelopes

The stockroom has received a supply of excess legal envelopes which should be used for inter-office communications in an effort to keep supply expenditures to a minimum. Your cooperation is asked in this present pecuniary crisis.

San Leandro Seeks Librarian

The City of San Leandro is seeking a City Librarian and a Senior Library Assistant. For further information contact the Personnel Office, City of San Leandro, Civic Center, 835 E. 14th Street, San Leandro 94577.

Red Dust in the Sunshine

Received from Roberto Esteves: "Is there anyone on the staff who has the interest and time to exhibit the publications of Red Dust, Inc., at the ALA Conference? The publisher cannot attend the Conference and wants someone to work during the most

Red Dust...(cont.)

crowded hours to keep her catalogs and books in order and keep a pad open for a mailing list. She is willing to pay someone $20 per day for this service." Anyone interested may contact Mr. Esteves at 558-5031.

Watch the City Librarian Discuss Zoo et alia.

Next Tuesday (April 8) will witness the second showing of KQED's new program "Artbeat," a series designed to showcase the arts of the Bay Area. On this premiere program of the series, City Librarian Dr. Kevin Starr discussed "culture, zoos, and other thoughts"--not all of them complimentary ("San Francisco is continually promising more than it can deliver," said Dr. Starr.)

POETRY READING AT WEST PORTAL

Our poetry series has been held in the adult non-fiction area, starting closer to 7:30 and 8:00 p.m. than the advertised 7:00. The first two audiences were largely friends of the poets; the last audience was more varied and included strangers and regular library patrons. The performances have been attended by 50 people on the average. All of the poets have been excellent, and my only regret over the series is that we have not had the huge audiences the poets deserved. The first night Cecil Brown read a section of his latest novel-in-progress. David Henderson and Kitty Tsui read their poetry. The second program was a lively night with Jessica Hagedorn and Ntozake Shange reading their poems together; Tom Cuson read his works accompanied by bongo drums. Roberto Vargas was unable to make the next program. The reading was excellent even without him; the audience was amused by the sly wit of Victor Hernandez Cruz, contrasted to the dynamic performance of Paul Vane.

The reading on February 27 began on schedule, and the three women poets--Avotcja, Janice Mirikatani and Carol Lee Sanchez--read to an audience of 25 people. We went from guitar playing and poetry on the Third World woman to poems about Japanese ancestors retained in detention camps during the war, to the place of the American Indian in this nation's history. A very cohesive program, and one well appreciated by the audience.

The series has been held on Thursday nights, February 6, 13, 20 and 27. The last reading will be on March 6. Thanks are due to Conyus, poet and employee on the Whole World, who

knows most of the performers of the poetry series and arranged, scheduled, and coordinated this series with Neighborhood Arts.

In my opinion, the absolute nicest thing that has happened in the whole series is the display of drawings we have in the foyer case, done by a regular patron. She came to the first reading and was annoyed because we started almost an hour late. Ms. Eldridge encouraged her to stay, and she left raving about how good the series was. She returned with a couple of friends for the rest of the series and made drawings of the poets. This is what she wrote to accompany the drawings: "These sketches were done during the poetry readings at the West Portal Library. A poet cannot be pictured with just sketchy lines. The poetry is the poet and the poet presents life to those who come to listen. When the poet reads the listener becomes a part of that life and discovers new joy in the rhythm of living. Each drawing represents tangible evidence of a rewarding experience that won't soon be erased from my memory."

(Submitted by West Portal Branch)

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Gerald McDermott, winner of the 1975 Caldecott Medal for the best illustrated book for children, Arrow to the Sun, a Pueblo Indian Tale, will appear at the Children's Room, Main Library, on Wednesday, April 9, at 4:15 p.m.

Mr. McDermott is unique, being both an illustrator and a film maker. He is producing a cycle of books and films for children that explore his interest in folklore and mythology. Arrow to the Sun illustrates the Indian reverence for the sources of all life--"the Solar Fire."

His books will be displayed and his films shown ("Arrow to the Sun," "Anansi the Spider," and "The Magic Tree"). Children are invited to meet Mr. McDermott.

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Programs for Children

WADEN BRANCH. Film programs, Tuesday, April 8: at 10:00 a.m. (preschool)--"Curious George Rides a Bike," "Frederick," "Rosie's Walk"; and at 4:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up)--"We'll Make Our Own Team," "Lonnie's Day," "Helen Keller."

CHILDREN'S ROOM, MAIN LIBRARY. Film program, Wednesday, April 9: at 10:00 a.m. (preschool)--"Is That a Happy Hippopotamus?" "Petunia", "Leopold the See-Through Crumb Picker," "Anatole and the Piano."

EUREKA VALLEY BRANCH. Filmstrip programs, Thursday, April 10: at 1:30 p.m. (preschool)--"Tale of Peter Rabbit," "The Cow Who Fell into the Canal," "Petunia"; and at 4:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up)--Curious George Filmstrip Festival.

Dial-A-Story (626-6516)

An African folktale, "Anansi and Turtle," told by Miss Karen Jing, Early Childhood Specialist.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #8

April 4, 1975

EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Civil Service Commission has announced the 3620 Librarian I examination. Applications will be accepted beginning Friday, April 11, 1975 (not before) for a two-week period only. The last date for filing is Friday, April 25th. A copy of the announcement will be distributed to each department and branch.

CITY FUNDED POSITIONS:

Due to the employment freeze, no replacements for staff members leaving the Library have been approved by the Mayor's Fiscal Policy Committee. Nineteen Library requisitions are presently being held in the Mayor's Office. At this time, no positions have been reassigned and therefore, no personnel reassignments have been made.

FAREWELL TO: Ms. Shirley Gibbons, Lib. Tech. Asst. I, History Dept.
Mr. Laurence Fontes, Jr. Clerk Typist, Order Dept.

FEDERALLY FUNDED POSITIONS:

Welcome back to Ms. Gearldine McCowan from an extended sick leave. She returns to the Catalog Dept.

Welcome to the following New Staff Members:
Ann Sanderson, Clerk Typist, B.A.R.C.
Michael Marinas, Clerk, Print Shop
Frank Mills, Library Assistant, Periodicals Dept.

Congratulations to:
Jane Sloan, promoted to Lib. Tech. Asst. I
Jane Taylor " " Lib. Tech. Asst. I
Michael Jones " " Librarian I
Jerry Thompson " " Lib. Tech. Asst. I

Farewell to Ronald Bryant, Clerk in the Catalog Dept. and best wishes to him on his new job.

New Assignments

Michael Jones, Librarian I, to Talking Books & Bookbridge Project

Jerry Thompson	Lib. Tech. Asst. I	to	Richmond Branch
Chanetta Jackson	Library Asst.	to	Ocean View Branch
Jane Taylor	Lib. Tech. Asst. I	to	History Dept.
Jane Sloan	Lib. Tech. Asst. I	to	Literature Dept.
Barbara Berne	Lib. Asst.	to	Mission Branch
Even Brown	Lib. Tech. Asst. I	to	Portola Branch

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #8 (cont'd)

FEDERALLY FUNDED POSITIONS

New Placement Requests

Anyone interested in the following positions, please send a written statement to Personnel by noon Wednesday, April 9.

1434 Clerk Typist	-	Periodicals Dept.
1402 Jr. Clerk	-	Catalog Dept.
3610 Library Asst.	-	Merced Branch
"	-	Science Dept.
"	-	Periodicals Dept.
"	-	Catalog Dept.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1434 Clerk Typist - Board of Education, San Francisco Unified School District. (Temporary Only) Salary: $3.35/hr. Part-time positions with maximum of 35 hours per week. Normal work days are Monday through Friday during school term only during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Performs typing and office clerical work of average difficulty, required high school graduation or equivalent and either one year of full-time paid experience in a clerical position or successful completion of an approved 9-months course of office training or successful completion of 60 semester units of study at a recognized college of university or equivalents. File applications at: 135 Van Ness Avenue, Room 105 on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays between 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Head of Young Adult Services - City of Salinas, California. Salary: $872-$1060 per month. Under general direction, is responsible for the operation of the Young Adult services, book selection, programming and publicity. Training and experience include Master's degree in Library Science and minimum three years of experience in young adult work. Applicant's qualifications will be first evaluated on the basis of information submitted on the application form. Candidates presenting the most desirable combination of education and experience will be invited to Salinas for interview.

SAN FRANCISCO CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
151 CITY HALL - SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94102

MARCH 31, 1975

TO : Appointing Officers
Personnel Offices
Employee Representatives

FROM : Bernard A. Orsi
General Manager, Personnel

SUBJECT : NOTIFICATION OF ISSUANCE OF EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Appointing Officers are instructed to post copies of this notification sheet throughout their departments for the benefit of all employees, including those who are currently working limited tenure or non-civil service in any of the classes listed below.

A separate bulletin will be distributed concerning examination announcements to be issued by the Decentralized Personnel Unit of the Department of Public Health.

This schedule is for information purposes and may be subject to revision.

I. Announcements Issued in March 1975:

A. Immediate Testing Division:

1424	Clerk Typist	E
7345	Electrician	E
1422	Junior Clerk Typist	E
5303	Materials Testing Technician	E
6340	School Construction Coordinator	E

B. Regular Testing Division:

2158	Assistant Administrative, Non-Medical, L.H.H.	P
270	Deputy Clerk	P
280	Deputy Clerk	P
290	Deputy Clerk	P
320	Deputy Clerk	P
2638	Director of Food Services, SFUSD	P
7424	Dryer-Mixerman	P
7256	Electric Motor Shopman Foreman	P
1450	Principal Clerk Stenographer	P
1480	Principal Water Services Clerk	P
1472	Services and Supply Supervisor	P
2440	Veterinary Laboratory Technologist	E

II. Announcements to be Issued in April 1975:

A. Immediate Testing Division:

		ISSUE DATE	
9202	Airport Communications Operator	4/11/75	E & P
3280	Assistant Recreation Director	4/11/75	E
7307	Bricklayer	4/11/75	E
8204	Institutional Policeman	4/11/75	E
5220	Jr. Water Purification Engineer	4/11/75	E
8106	Legal Process Clerk	4/11/75	E
3630	Librarian	4/11/75	E
7338	Lineman	4/11/75	E
7432	Lineman Helper	4/11/75	E
1890	Manager, E.D.P., SFUSD	4/11/75	E
1464	Medical Clerk Stenographer (Coroner & Social Services)	4/11/75	E
4220	Personal Property Auditor	4/11/75	E
5277	Planner I	4/25/75	E
5412	Planning Coordinator	4/25/75	E

II. A. Immediate Testing Division: (Continued)

		ISSUE DATE	
7368	Senior Radio Technician	4/25/75	P
2910	Social Worker	4/25/75	E
7372	Stationary Engineer, Sewage Plant	4/11/75	E & P
8217	Station Officer	4/11/75	E
1833	Tape Librarian	4/11/75	E
2952	Vocational Service Counselor	4/25/75	E

B. Regular Testing Division:

		ISSUE DATE	
1822	Administrative Analyst	4/25/75	P
7220	Asphalt Finisher Foreman	4/25/75	P
7221	Asphalt Plant Foreman	4/25/75	P
H-50	Assistant Chief of Department	4/25/75	P
4332	Assistant Chief of Investments	4/11/75	E
H-40	Battalion Chief	4/25/75	P
H-32	Captain, Bureau of Fire Prevention & Public Safety	4/25/75	P
2816	Chief, Bureau of Records & Statistics	4/25/75	P
1410	Chief Clerk	4/11/75	P
1948	Coding Supv.,Purchasing Department	4/25/75	P
4130	Convention Facilities Assist. Manager	4/11/75	P
4132	Convention Facilities Manager	4/11/75	P
1142	County Clerk	4/25/75	P
B152	Court Room Clerk	4/25/75	P
7216	Electric Transit Shop Foreman	4/11/75	P
2718	Janitor Foreman	4/11/75	P
B160	Law Clerk	4/25/75	P
H-24	Lieutenant, Bureau of Fire Investigation	4/25/75	P
H-22	Lieutenant, Bureau of Fire Prevention & Public Safety	4/25/75	P
1924	Materials & Supplies Supervisor	4/11/75	P
8170	Medical Claims Supervisor	4/11/75	P
2324	Nursing Supervisor	4/11/75	P
2738	Porter Sub-Foreman	4/11/75	P
1408	Principal Clerk	4/11/75	P
3289	Recreation Supervisor	4/11/75	P
4331	Security Analyst	4/11/75	E
1823	Senior Administrative Analyst	4/25/75	P
2946	Sr. Eligibility Worker Supervisor	4/25/75	P
B164	Senior Law Clerk	4/25/75	P
1938	Stores & Equipment Assist. Supervisor	4/11/75	P
7134	Water Construction & Maint. Supt.	4/25/75	P

III. Announcements to be Issued in May 1975:

A. Immediate Testing Division:

		ISSUE DATE	
1950	Assistant Purchaser	5/9/75	E
1424	Clerk Typist (Permanent)	5/23/75	E
2994	Homemaker	5/9/75	E
6318	Construction Inspector	5/9/75	E & P
6106	Sanitary Engineering Technician	5/9/75	E

B. Regular Testing Division:

		ISSUE DATE	
2127	Admin. Assist. to Dir. of Public Health	5/23/75	E
5150	Alameda Division Assistant Manager	5/23/75	P
5268	Architect	5/9/75	P
5260	Arch. Assistant I	5/9/75	E
5261	Arch. Assistant II	5/9/75	P
5265	Arch. Associate I	5/9/75	P
5266	Arch. Associate II	5/9/75	P
5188	Assist. Dir. of Public Works,		

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SUMMARY OF THE COMMISSION MEETING--APRIL 1, 1975

-----The concept for the San Francisco Information Service was adopted, subject to private funding being obtained.

-----Mr. Robert Power was designated Honorary Curator for History and Mr. Kurt Herbert Adler Honorary Curator for Opera.

-----Ms. Vivian Goodwin reported that the request for funds to ventilate Technical Services passed the Finance Committee and the first reading at the full Board of Supervisors.

-----The Special Collections Booksale will be held on Sunday, May 18; and the Commission approved the book list.

-----Ms. Morris' recommended policy for "fine free" on children's materials was approved.

-----The Commission approved a resolution to urge fair housing for children.

-----The Commission authorized the request for a supplemental appropriation of $37,634, to offset deficit in the Permanent and Temporary Wages and Contractual Services accounts.

-----The Commission passed a resolution authorizing execution of the agreement for a Public Library Services Act grant made between the San Francisco Library System and the State Librarian of the State of California.

-----The attendance of William Ramirez, Versa Cullen, Dorothy Hult, and Vivian Goodwin at the Publicity Workshop sponsored by the Public Library Executives of Central California was authorized. (Held on April 5, 1975.)

-----The attendance of approximately 35 children's librarians at the annual Institute of the Association of Children's Librarians was authorized. (To be held on May 8, 1975.)

-----The attendance of Craig Schiller and Peggy Pavelski at the Videoshow was authorized. (To be held May 20/21.)

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SUMMARY...COMMISSION MEETING...(cont.)

----The attendance of Eunice Parker and David Murphy at an affirmative action conference was authorized. (Held on April 4/5.)

----The attendance of three children's librarians at the annual Institute of the Association of Children's Librarians was authorized. (To be held on May 8.)

----Non-civil service, temporary and re-certification of temporary appointments were approved.

SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF CHIEFS AND COORDINATORS--APRIL 8, 1975

----There has been excessive misuse of the IBM/Xerox copiers. When more than a few copies are required, a mimeograph should be used.

----The practice of duplicating library keys is prohibited. Mr. Cerasi states that this practice compromises the security of the library. In addition, duplicate keys obtained from outside sources frequently jam and damage locks. Only City-procured keys will be used.

----The impact of frozen positions (now up to 19) was discussed. Dr. Starr stressed the need to continue essential functions with available staff members, accepting concomittant reduction of staff effort in recent programs.

----Because of the loss of positions due to the job freeze, any meetings of librarians previously conducted once a month on Friday on an all-day basis will be terminated in time to ensure the arrival of the attending librarians back at their respective branches by 1:00 p.m.

----Dr. Starr directed a reallocation of the remaining book funds in order to assure orderly expenditure and to ensure collection continuity in all classifications.

----Dr. Starr stressed the need to prepare multiple order forms and to submit them to the Order Department correctly and promptly.

----The page hour cut was discussed. See the following article for further details.

GUIDELINES DURING THE PERIOD OF REDUCED PAGE HOURS

The recent severe cut in part-time page hours, in spite of efforts to obtain relief, will impose an additional load on all staff members. However, essential functions must be continued.

For the months of April, May and June, sorting and shelving of books and other library materials, and the work required to

maintain collections in order will be assigned the highest priority in the assignment of page hours.

Where clerical and para-professional activities heretofore assigned to pages are in conflict with their primary tasks of sorting and shelving, these duties will be assigned to Library Technical Assistants, Library Assistants and Clerk-Typists.

During this emergency all staff members, including clerks and library technicians, may be required to help shelve materials and to keep their department or branch in good order.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Library Week Programs for Children

PARKSIDE BRANCH. Film programs, Tuesday, April 15: at 10:30 a.m. (preschool)--"Big and Little," "Matrioska", "Millions of Cats"; and at 4:00 p.m.--"Golden Fish," "Monkey and the Organ-grinder," "Leopold and the See-Through Crumbpicker."

GLEN PARK BRANCH. Filmstrip programs, Wednesday, April 16: at 1:30 p.m. (preschool)--"Cow Who Fell in the Canal," "Frog Went a-Courtin'," "Curious George Gets a Medal"; and at 4:00 p.m.--"Cowtail Switch," "Mourka, the Mighty Cat," "Mouse and the Elephant."

MERCED BRANCH. Film programs, Thursday, April 17: at 1:30 p.m. (preschool)--"Circus Baby," "Curious George Rides a Bike," "Is That a Happy Hippopotamus?" "Rosie's Walk"; and at 4:00 p.m.--"Alexander and the Car with the Missing Headlights," "Little Train," "Chairy Tale," "Sunday Lark."

CHINATOWN BRANCH. Film programs, Thursday, April 17: at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.--"To Market, to Market," "Hen Hop," "Changes, Changes," "Frederick"; and at 3:30 p.m.--"Arrow to the Sun," "Ishi in Two Worlds," "Totems."

WESTERN ADDITION BRANCH. Film programs, Thursday, April 17: at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (preschool)--"Fast is Not a Ladybug," "In a Spring Garden," "In the Forest"; and at 4:00 p.m.--"Ali Baba," "Ghosts and Ghoulies," "The Wave."

EXCELSIOR BRANCH. Filmstrip programs, Thursday, April 17: at 10:00 a.m. (preschool)--"Corduroy", "Curious George Takes a Job," "Snowy Day," "Where the Wild Things Are"; and at 4:00 p.m.--"Elves and the Shoemaker," "Fox Went Out on a Chilly Night," "Tears of the Dragon."

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...OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES (cont.)

Dial-A-Story (626-6516)

"I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly," told by Mrs. Linda Geistlinger, Early Childhood Specialist.

GUARALDI JAZZ MASS AT MARIN

The Vince Guaraldi Trio and the Tamalpais High School choir will perform the Guaraldi Jazz Mass at the College of Marin Gymnasium at 8:00 p.m., Saturday, April 12. Guaraldi, well-known for the music to the "Peanuts" television specials, was commissioned by the Diocese of Grace Cathedral to compose the Jazz Mass in 1964, and it was subsequently performed in Grace Cathedral in May of 1965. This will be the third performance of the Jazz Mass, and the proceeds will benefit the Tamalpais High School choral music program.

Tickets will be $2.00 and will be available at the door, or may be purchased in advance at the Veterans' War Memorial Auditorium in Marin, the San Francisco Downtown Center Box Office, and the Holiday Inn, Terra Linda Lobby Box Office.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advisory Council Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Advisory Council in the office of the City Librarian on Tuesday, April 15, at 3:30 p.m. Please submit agenda items to Griff Stokes by 3:00 p.m., April 14.

Directory Service

The Directory Service has been transferred to the Periodical Department. The telephone number 3774 has been eliminated, and the number 3206 is now the number for the consolidated General Periodicals and Directory Service. The Technical Services part of Periodicals will operate separately and has an "in house" number, 3775. Periodicals public service is now under the jurisdiction of the General Reference Department. For those who have questions or wish further information, contact the office of the Chief of the Main Library.

Press Conference and Party for Award-Winning Librarian

Ms. Dalisay Bocobo-Balunsat, librarian in General Reference and recent winner of the John Cotton Dana for Library Public Relations, presided at a well-attended press conference, along with Dr. Kevin Starr, on Wednesday, April 9. Ms. Bocobo-Balunsat

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

Press Conference and Party...(cont.)

will be honored at a dinner at the Mabuhay Gardens at 7:00 p.m., May 15. An eight-course Filipino dinner, a floor show, and dancing will mark the festive occasion.

KRON's Newswatch program on Monday, April 14, will also feature Ms. Bocobo-Palunsat and her accomplishments.

The Keys to the Kingdom

The following is a joint directive of the Secretary and the City Librarian: Starting immediately, duplicate keys to the Main Library and its branches must be requisitioned through the Secretary's Office. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Subject Guide to Come

The Order Department has received several inquiries regarding the Library's standing order for Subject Guide to Books in Print. Our order for this title was with Richard Abel Company. The Abel firm folded at the first of the year, making it necessary for us to replace a number of our standing orders concurrent with thousands of other American libraries. This has resulted in slow delivery of titles released just as Abel was closing. BIP subjects was one such title. Our order for the title is now secure. Agencies anticipating delivery should receive copies soon.

Science Department Booklist

Copies of a selective bibliography on Endangered Species are available at the reference desk of the Science Department on request. The list has been compiled by the Science Department in conjunction with its current exhibit, "Endangered Species," and includes a substantial amount of material in addition to the items included in the case displays.

Radio Starr

City Librarian Dr. Kevin Starr will speak about the San Francisco Fire and Earthquake on KFRC-AM on Sunday, April 13, 1975, at 10:00 p.m. He will also discuss new acquisitions to the Library's collections.

Split Level Special Collections

Effective April 10, 1975, the administration of the Special Collections Department will be divided into two departments in the following manner:

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.-2)

Split-Level Special Collections (cont.)

The City Archivist as part of her city-wide duties will administer the San Francisco History Room, with its collections, and the City Archives. This department is designated as the San Francisco History Room.

The librarian presently assigned as the Rare Book Librarian will administer the Rare Book Room with its collections, the Schmulowitz Collection of Wit and Humor (SCOWAH) and other special collections. The department is designated as the Special Collections Department.

Documents

The Documents Department would like to enlist your help in obtaining copies of the 1975-1976 San Francisco Budget Summary. It will be published as a supplement to the Examiner on Saturday, April 19. We don't receive any depository copies of this document, and so we depend entirely on the library staff to supply our copies. If you (or friends or neighbors) receive a copy of the Budget Supplement in your paper, we would be very grateful if you could send or bring it to Documents.

FROM THE SUGGESTION BOX

Received from Richard Rafael, Librarian, North Beach Branch: "I would like to suggest that our Library remit fines for persons who can show that they are sixty-five or over. Perhaps the remission should not be complete, but it should be substantial. Since sixty-five has become a mandatory retirement age in many areas of work in this society, numerous people of this age and older and committed to live on fixed and in many cases inadequate incomes. Even a small library fine, given today's fearsome economic conditions, can cause many an older person real privation."

FOOD FAIR AND FOOD DAY

The library will be participating in Food Fair, San Francisco's observance of Food Day. On Thursday, 17 April 1975, 12:00-1:30 p.m. at Union Square, a variety of organizations and individuals will be distributing information and materials on nutrition, food co-ops, food stamps. farm workers, etc.

We will be distributing annotated booklists prepared by Annette Brehmer, Chris Collins, Carol Evans, and Deborah Sommer

of the Science, Technology, and Government Documents Department, and Bill Luria of the History Department. Topics include cookery, consumerism, organic gardening, nutrition and health, and government documents pertaining to the above subjects. Paperback books from the Popular Library, the Science collection, and the Whole World will be available for circulation.

Stephanie Row and the Whole World will be present! Two films will be shown: "A Chemical Feast" and "Tilt."

Food Fair is being coordinated by the San Francisco Consumer Action people; call Catherine Johnson or Tom Knutson at 626-4030 for more information about the Fair. For more information about the library's participation, call Debby Sommer in the Science Department.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #9

April 10, 1975

PART-TIME PAGES AND LIBRARIANS VACATION AND SICK PAY RULING:

An opinion of the City Attorney states that part-time employees are entitled to vacation and sick pay if they work a regular schedule. That opinion is quoted below:

"In accordance with the powers conferred by Section 16.15 of the Administrative Code, the Civil Service Commission has enacted Rule 21.03 governing vacations for temporary employees occupying part-time positions. It provides:

"PART-TIME POSITIONS.

'Employees appointed to positions less than full-time, but who work a regularly assigned schedule, shall be entitled to proportionate vacation based on such regular schedule. Employees appointed for intermittent part-time work and who are not assigned to a regular schedule shall not be entitled to vacation for such employment. In the event of dispute, the Commission shall be the final judge as to whether a part-time employment constitutes a regular or irregular schedule.'

Therefore, in accordance with Section 21.03 quoted above, part-time Library pages who work a regularly assigned schedule shall be entitled to a proportionate vacation allowance; and those employees with a flexible or irregular work schedule are not entitled to vacation with pay."

"Sick leave credits are calculated in accordance with Section 23.07 of the Civil Service Rules which provides in part:

'(a) Upon completion of service as herein required, employees shall be credited with earning thirteen (13) working days of paid sick leave per completed year of paid service; provided that such earned sick leave shall be credited on a pro rata basis based upon the completion of regularly scheduled paid service for the employee's classification, excluding overtime, but including holidays and other paid absences.'

Sick leave credits are calculated on the basis of regularly paid service. It is therefore my opinion that part-time Library pages earn a proportionate allowance of sick leave with pay depending on their hours of paid service."

PLEASE be guided by the fact that part-time staff members must be scheduled and actually work a set schedule in order to be eligible for vacation and sick leave pay. That is, part-time employees must be scheduled to work a set number of hours on certain specific days and the schedule must be adhered to. Part time as needed, that is, irregularly scheduled hours and days of work, do not qualify a part-time employee for vacation and sick pay. Library timerolls are being audited and staff members working part-time or irregular hours will not be paid for vacation and sick pay time.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #9 (cont'd)

FEDERALLY FUNDED POSITIONS:

Welcome to the following New Staff Members;

Mr. Charles Kosanke, Clerk, Order Department
Mr. Lauro Cruz, Clerk, Catalog Department
Mr. Alfredo Bellisario, Janitor, Main Library
Ms. Ann Sarderson, Clerk Typist, BARC

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteer to Register Voters

Received from Karen Scannell: "I am looking for a staff member who would be interested in helping me coordinate the Branch library voter registration project. At the most, it will require a few hours a week. Any staff member (any classification) who is interested, please call me (558-3602).

Thanks from the Friends

The Friends of the SFPL thank all staff members who helped with National Library Week publicity (especially Carse McDaniel, Debby Sommer, and Phil Whitney).

Friends Seek Cooperation

The Friends also ask that any changes in programs, errors in publicity, etc., be reported to the Information Desk in the lobby in order that accurate information be given to patrons.

Rare Book Catalogue

The catalogue for the Library's rare book auction will be ready by April 25.

Historic Library Murals Being Cleaned

In 1929 Mrs. Ansley Salz, her late husband, and patron Albert Bender raised $25,000 to commission the San Francisco artist Gottardo Piazzoni to paint murals for the San Francisco Public Library. Ten panels were mounted in the Library rotunda in 1932. In 1975 Mrs. Salz offered to have these murals cleaned

Historic Library Murals...(cont.)

and four panels, which have long gathered dust in the basement, hung.

The entire staff of the San Francisco Public Library joins in thanking Mrs. Salz for her public-spirited generosity.

Apologia Pro Vita Sua

The announcement in a previous issue of the Official Bulletin about a job at the San Leandro Public Library did not carry the deadline date of the application. And it described the wrong job. Aside from that, it was a superb job. My apologies to the incumbent San Leandro Library Director for an untimely announcement of his departure; and my apologies to those who called after the deadline. And my thanks to Ms. Laurie Crosky and Mr. William Ramirez for their strictures.

Earthquake and Fire Find

Due to the good offices of Mr. Bernard Averbuch, the San Francisco Public Library acquired a collection of 250 glass plate negatives of the San Francisco Earthquake and Fire. These negatives are now in the process of being printed. They were discovered in the basement of the Hall of Justice; and are one of the largest troves of earthquake photos ever found.

BARC Requests

BARC would like copies of the proceedings of the workshop on "Contemporary Trends in Information Solving." If anyone does not need his or her copy, BARC can use all it can get.

McNamee on the Sawdust Trail

Gil McNamee, BARC, has been spreading the word about BARC, resource sharing, and networking during the past few weeks. He has spoken to the Washington State Advisory Council on Libraries at Vancouver and to about 150 librarians at the University of Washington in Seattle. On Saturday, April 5, he was the guest speaker at the annual alumni meeting of the Library School at Fullerton State College. Then a week with the WICHE networking team from the seventeen Western states at Peaceful Valley, Colorado. And, finally, on Tuesday last,

McNamee...Sawdust Trail (cont.)

he and Assistant BARC Director Sue Critchfield spoke to Dr. Fay Blake's class at U.C.-Berkeley.

BARC Refunded

BARC had good news last week. Its contract has been renewed for the next fiscal year--1975/1976. Included in next year's funding is a contract with the University of California at Berkeley. This means that BARC will have the resources of one of the largest collections in the country to answer reference referrals. In the letter announcing the funding, the State Librarian stated she was pleased "that this important step has been taken" and that Dr. Starr and the BARC staff are to be commended for significant advances during the past year.

Photo Exhibit Available

May 4 - May 10 will be observed as Farm Worker Week. We understand that this event will be educational, not political

There are available photo exhibits showing the life of the California farm worker. Some photos are mounted on panels approximately 2' x 3' and others are unmounted, suitable for display in glass exhibit cases. If anybody has space available and would like to use these exhibits, please contact Dan Sudran at 824-6616.

GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

Dear Mr. Starr:

I am writing of my appreciation for the warm helpfulness of your staff at the West Portal Branch when, yesterday, my purse was snatched only a short distance from the Library.

Here we have a fine group of young people. I've been reader from this branch for many years.

Sincerely,

Ide Sinai

PUBLIC RELATIONS WORKSHOP SPONSORED BY PLECC

Saturday, April 5, 1975, was a dynamic day spent with a dynamic speaker in company with one hundred other librarians from all over California. The Public Library Executives of Central California arranged to have Dr. Morris Massey, Professor of Marketing at the University of Colorado at Boulder, conduct the workshop. He punctuated theory with wit and evangelistic fervor for two-thirds of the program, and for the remaining third we had Martha Draper, Public Relations Coordinator at the Monterey County Library, discuss practical publicity using samples of her own graphics.

Dr. Massey saw many similarities with business in libraries, colleges and universities, and hospitals, because they are actually selling products and services. He emphasized that libraries make the same mistake that many businesses make when they only see the world from their product point of view.

A demographic look at our public today shows the enlightening fact that it's median age is 28 years. Twenty-five or fifty years ago there was a tighter society with more people of a similar age. Now there is a unique diversity of society. One-half the population is 28 years and younger, while the other half ranges from 30 to 80 years and over. We must understand the needs, values, acquired knowledge and orientation to the world of this TV-nurtured young majority. It is apparent that they are not being served adequately by the traditional institutions of schools, libraries, business and government. In addition to dropping out, and less use, we should expect that in the future, when they begin to get control, they will not pay for old-style products. As an example he cited the auto industry's failure to meet the need for a car that furnishes transportation economically and also gives the feel of the road. The young want to experience their life in multi-sensory ways, which influences their attitude toward traditional products.

Change for institutions will not be easy - he sees the obstacle as too many individuals in their 50's who say people won't like it. To this you need to ask to see their survey that says people won't like it. Generally, there will be none. Research is needed, but even without it we should not be afraid to try new approaches. If half of them come off, we would be very near to success at 51%.

The effect of McLuhan was touched on and the definitions of hot and cool media. Hot media are exemplified by print. Cool media are what the young want; they elicit emotional reaction. Color TV is an example of these media. Dr. Massey cited a survey of last November and December which found that at 8:00 p.m. 62% of the 6-10 year-old age group are to be found watching TV.

Another sociological fact of life that institutions must face up to in regard to the young is that 500,000 children age 15 and younger are already alcoholics. These are some of the socially real problems that libraries and schools must confront. To do so they must take the offensive and be the aggressor, even though some part of their public may be antagonized. It can be done by using other's publicity, e.g., from the news media, and tying in immediately to books and other information you have in the library so that you have the feeling of now, today, in your service. Use CATV and other new technology so that the library does not retain its image of a rear-view mirror hanging onto the print orientation of its past.

What is good for advertising, is good for our publicity--BIG, colorful signs, mobiles, novelty flyers, buttons, employee uniforms. Raising the stimulus level to get attention. e.g., a loud noise, sudden movement, different arrangement of words on a sign, are useful techniques. Dr. Massey's advice was to downplay the word "library", since it triggers a negative response in so many people, but to overstate your case in convincing people that the product is useful, or good for the user.

Behind any public relations program there should be research on:

A. Defining what you are, pointing out the negative and positive aspects of these factors:

   Physical aspects
   Social center aspect - who does it attract?
   Psychological - how does it affect the self?
   Time - when does community want it open?
      Try to level off patron user times throughout the week.
   Economic cost to patron of using it, e.g., transportation, taxes.

B. Analyzing the customers - an exercise called Library Market Segment Description.

   This starts by identifying the principal benefit sought by groups using your product or service. If you have the benefit they seek, they will come in. The next step is to describe each such group in terms of:

   Demographic strengths
   Specific behavioral characteristics
   Images disproportionately favored
   Personality characteristics
   Life-style characteristics

The result will be to group users, not by the usual age descriptions, but by benefits sought, such as "instant information," "entertainment", "companionship", "self-improvement," "non-users," "reality escapers," "non-print media users," etc. We should try our hand at some of this analysis.

Two books recommended by the speaker were:

Marketing Research by Harper W. Boyd and Ralph Westfall
Luscher Color Test by Max Luscher and Ian Scott

(Submitted by Vivian Goodwin, Dorothy Hult. Versa Cullen and William Ramirez)

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL LIBRARY EMPLOYEES

We have all just received word that page hours at the Main Library and all the branches have been drastically cut back until July 1st. Having spoken to a woman at the personnel office about this, I realize the certain futility of a letter of complaint. And yet maybe it will relieve part of my own anger, even if it surely will have no effect on the decision itself.

It is a pity that the San Francisco Public Library has so little respect for the people who work for it under the classification of "page". I personally have always thought that the library gets the deal of its life by hiring pages. We are virtually the lowest paid workers in the system, and yet everyone knows that in many branches, particularly the smaller ones, we do much more than is specified by the page job description. Many of us work nights and weekends, often freeing the full-time employees from always having to work these inconvenient hours. Sometimes our being on the job keeps the libraries themselves open. If the library had no pages, it would have to hire many other regular Civil Service workers at a considerably higher salary to get the work done that we do. If I can assume that most full-time workers are in agreement with the ones that I know, we do a damn good job for the library.

We are all students, and I assume that most of us, like myself, are working to support ourselves while attending school. In other words, for the majority of us this is no "expendable" after-school job for extra spending money. Cutting our hours so drastically without warning is part of that

I mean when I say that the library has no respect for us as adults who depend on our jobs to live.

I freely admit my probable lack of knowledge concerning all of the specifics that must have gone into the final decision to cut back the page hours. But no, I am not also willing to admit that this decision must be the best solution to the problem. I have been told by the personnel office that the cutback is partially due to the recent pay raise court decision in favor of city workers. If this is true, and I have my doubts, I am astounded at the lack of foresight on the library's part concerning the whole situation, and would like to register a strong protest that we pages have to "pay" for the raises. Hasn't the money already been allotted for this purpose, since the pay raises were a part of last July's budget? I would surely hope that all of our fellow library workers will realize the unfairness of this and support our protest of it.

I was also informed that this drastic cutback is taking place because the library's page budget was cut 20% effective last July, and this was not properly dealt with at the time. Now, someone has realized in a flash of brilliance that page money will run out in May if the hours remain at their present levels. Again, I repeat, I am astounded at the irresponsibility shown by the people who are at fault in a situation such as this. Needless to say, a small reduction in page hours months ago would have been infinitely more preferable than the big one that has hit us without warning now.

Furthermore, I reject the argument that this decision is wise because "it is the only thing we can do." That catch-all excuse has been around for a lot longer than all of us have, and is surely as untrue in this case as it has been in so many others. It is only true to people whose minds are locked into that time-worn, lazy "this is the way we have always done it" reasoning, and who greet any new or different idea with a reflexive "no, impossible" response. There are always cutbacks that can be made in things that are less vital to people's (and the library's) survival than page hours, and we all know that. The only thing this decision proves is that, again, a poor policy is being put into effect that will further weaken an already weak and embarrassing library system. The financial problems of the library are well known, but not everything that is wrong with this library can be blamed on a lack of money. A private business that was run as this library is sometimes run would surely be <u>out</u> of business in a short time.

I have nothing but respect for the librarians and other employees who strive to keep this library system going in

spite of the tremendous obstacles that are thrown in their paths week after week. It would certainly be appreciated if they will back us up and make their feelings known concerning this latest situation and how it will affect their libraries. My bet is that work will go undone, morale will get even lower, service to the public will get even poorer, and there will be a lot more "Temporarily Closed Due to Lack of Staff" signs being posted in the smaller branches. Is this what your "Experiment in Excellence" means, Dr. Starr? Merely inventing a slogan does not make it true.

Kathleen Bourne
Library Page, Bernal Branch

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Every square foot of space was filled in the Children's Room, Main Library, Thursday, April 3, when Supervisor Robert Mendelsohn held a press converence announcing his plans to introduce an ordinance to prohibit discrimination against families with children by owners of rental property. This ordinance has the full support of the Fair Housing for Children Coalition, who were present. Supervisor Mendelsohn introduced David Jenkins, George Evankovich, and Joe Belardi, who represented organized labor; Carol Mazey of the Human Rights Commission; Rita Semmel of the Council on Race, Religion and Social Concerns; Richard Ross, Administrative Aide to Assemblyman Foran; and Louise Sweeney of the Childcare Switchboard.

Over a hundred pre-school children with their nursery school teachers filled the room. The Book Evaluation Committee of Children's Librarians who were meeting at the time joined the Children's Librarians in the Children's Room, and gathered into groups and began reading picture stories. As the children became absorbed in listening, their fascination was so great that they were reluctant to leave. Mr. Edward Callanan, President of the Library Commission, viewed the scene with wonder.

During the conference, Miss Effie Lee Morris, Children's Coordinator, presented Supervisor Mendelsohn with the resolution from the Library Commission supporting the ordinance.

Proceedings were video-taped by the SFPL Cable TV project.

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...OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES (cont.)

Mrs. Isabel de Moreno, Director, National System of Libraries, Colombian Institute of Social Welfare, Bogota, Columbia, visited the Office of Children's Services, the Children's Room, Main Library, and the Early Childhood Project because of her interest in libraries for children, and her efforts to bring libraries and an interest in reading to underprivileged children. Her visit was arranged by the State Department.

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The Publicity Workshop sponsored by PLECC, held at the Airport Marina Hotel on April 5, was attended by 90 persons. Professor Morris E. Massey of the College of Business Administration at the University of Colorado, entertained (no other word describes it) us as the main speaker of the day.

He kept stressing the fact that libraries are for people. Fifty per cent of our population is twenty-eight years old or younger, and their orientation to the world is entirely different from those in the older age groups. (Remember--50% of the total population is over 28 years old, and libraries must relate to both groups.) The younger age group want to experience learning; smell, feel, taste it. To know that the library is there is better than not knowing of its existence. Displays should show an understanding of the uniqueness of our time and the diversity of our society.

Studies show that sixty per cent of children between the ages of six to ten years old are watching TV at 8:00 p.m. There are 500,000 teen-agers under the age of fifteen, in the country, who are alcoholics. This is part of the reality we have to face as we plan our promotion. Librarians have to create an interest and be sure that it relates to their public. Market Segmentation was explained. We then analyzed the people we serve, explored who they are, what image they prefer, what they are seeking, and how best to meet these needs.

Ms. Martha Draper, Public Relations Coordinator, Monterey Public Library, demonstrated various techniques of displaying materials. Ms. David MacDaniel, Librarian, Monterey Public Library, and President of PLECC, chaired the meeting.

--Dorothy A. Hult
Office of Children's Services

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Gerald McDermott, author-illustrator and Caldecott Award winner for the best illustrated book for children in 1975, Arrow to the Sun, charmed an audience of 75 children on

Wednesday, April 9, in the Main Library. He showed his new film, "The Stonecutter," and explained how it was made. "The Magic Tree" and "Arrow to the Sun" were also shown, and Mr. McDermott gave the background of making these books and films. One eight-year-old boy was seen assiduously taking notes as Mr. McDermott explained about the thousands of pictures that had to be drawn to make these animated films. The films fascinated the children, who applauded after each one. Mr. McDermott graciously autographed books after the meeting--and also a bookplate to the children of each branch. His warm personality and his interest in the children engendered a positive response from them.

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Mr. Ashley Bryan, author-illustrator of Walk Together, Children, a collection of 24 Black American spirituals, each accompanied by by a strong black-and-white woodcut, visited the Office of Children's Services on Wednesday, April 2. Mr. Bryan was taken to Waden Branch, where he had an opportunity to speak to children and their parents.

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The elementary school librarians of the San Francisco Unified School District and the children's librarians of the San Francisco Public Library met jointly on Thursday evening, April 10, in the Eureka Valley Branch to discuss current problems. Fifty-three people were divided into six groups who each worked on a statement of concern. Standards for School Libraries were compared to reality statistics of the School Department, and Standards for Children in Public Libraries in California were compared to reality statistics of the San Francisco Public Library. A real concern for the plight of the children was evidenced in all six statements. The next step is to translate this humanitarian concept into economic terms.

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Program for Parents

PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT - BERNAL BRANCH. Wednesday, April 23, at 7:00 p.m. Includes films: "What Right Has a Child?" "Maurice Sendak," "Madeline's Rescue."

Programs for Children

RICHMOND BRANCH. Filmstrip program, Tuesday, April 22: at 10:30 a.m. (preschool)--"Where the Wild Things Are," "Dandelion," "Corduroy".

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Programs for Children (cont.)

NOE VALLEY BRANCH. Film programs, Wednesday, April 23: at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (preschool)--"Three Robbers," "Hen Hop," "I Know an Old Lady," "Harold's Fairy Tale"; and at 3:30 p.m.--"Red Balloon," "Life and Times of a Balloon."

WEST PORTAL BRANCH. Filmstrip programs, Wednesday, April 23: at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (preschool)--"Cow Who Fell in the Canal," "Fox Went Out on a Chilly Night," "Frog Went a-Courtin'"; and at 4:00 p.m.--"Mourka the Mighty Cat," "Extraordinary Tug of War."

BERNAL BRANCH. Film Program, Thursday, April 24: at 2:45 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. (preschool)--"Whistle for Willie," "Country Mouse and City Mouse," "Millions of Cats."

Dial-A-Story (626-6516)

"The Little House," a Russian tale, told by Mrs. Grace Ruth, Early Childhood Specialist.

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Best wishes to Miss Lillie Haynes, Secretary, Office of Children's Services, who is now Mrs. Henry Gorham.

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Congratulations to Miss Betty Schwabacher, who has been elected Treasurer of the Association of Children's Librarians of Northern California for the tenth consecutive year.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #10

April 18, 1975

HEALTH SERVICE SYSTEM:

Annual sign-up, change of plans, adding dependents, and exemptions: The Health Service Board has designated MAY of each year as the open period to:

(1) Transfer from one Plan of the System to another.
(2) Add eligible dependents not presently covered. (Dependents may be CANCELLED AT ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR).
(3) Transfer from an Exempt status to enrollment in one of the System's three available Plans.
(4) Apply for exemption from the system by:
    (a) Documented adequate outside coverage
    (b) Salary in excess of $14,000 straight time
    (c) Religious belief

All members wishing to change plans, add dependents, or apply for exemption must go to the Health Service System's Office at 450 McAllister Street on any business day during the month of MAY (8 a.m. - 5 p.m.).

FEDERALLY FUNDED POSITIONS:

Welcome to the following New Staff Members:
Ms. Kim Davis, Library Page, Main Children's Room
Mr. Jerome Duffy, Lib. Tech. Asst. I, Merced Branch

NOTICE OF MEETING:

There will be a meeting of all CETA librarians on Tuesday, April 22nd, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room. Any staff members filing for the Librarian I examination are invited to attend. There will be a representative from the Civil Service Commission to answer questions on the examination.

Under Sections 8.400 and 8.401 of the Charter, the following wages for the classes listed below are established effective July 1, 1975.

BI-WEEKLY PAY SCHEDULE
1975-76

	CLASS	TITLE	STEP 1	2	3	4	5
26	1220	Payroll Clerk	346	362	379	396	414
30.4	1240	Assistant Personnel Analyst	422	442	463	485	508
38.9	1270	Dept. Personnel Officer	625	655	688	721	755
38.4	1314	Public Relations Officer	611	641	671	704	738
19.5	1402	Jr. Clerk	259	270	283	295	309
23.5	1404	Clerk	309	323	338	354	370
30.2	1408	Principal Clerk	418	438	458	480	503
20	1422	Jr. Clerk Typist	264	277	289	302	316
23.5	1424	Clerk Typist	309	323	338	354	370
25.5	1426	Sr. Clerk Typist	338	354	370	388	406
24.5	1444	Clerk Stenographer	323	338	354	370	388
26	1446	Sr. Clerk Stenographer	346	362	379	396	414
28	1450	Principal Clerk Stenographer	379	396	414	434	453
39.4	1544	Secretary Library Commission	641	671	704	738	773
24	1630	Account Clerk	316	331	346	362	379
29.9	1650	Accountant	412	432	451	473	496
29.7	1760	Offset Machine Operator	409	428	448	469	491
29.9	1840	Jr. Management Assistant	412	432	451	473	496
33.4	1842	Management Assistant	485	508	531	557	583
18.3	3602	Library Page - Full-Time	246	257	268	281	293
	3602	Library Page - Part-Time	3.08 Hr.				
22.8	3610	Library Asst. - Full-Time	299	313	328	343	359
	3610	Library Asst. - Part-Time	3.74 Hr.				

	CLASS	TITLE	STEP 1	2	3	4	5
21.8	3611	Library Asst. - New Careers	287	299	313	328	343
26.3	3616	Library Tech. Asst. I	351	367	384	402	420
28.3	3618	Library Tech. Asst. II	384	402	420	440	460
30.1	3630	Librarian I	416	436	455	477	500
	3630	Librarian I - Part-Time	5.20 Hr.				
33.1	3632	Librarian II	477	500	524	549	575
35.1	3634	Librarian III	524	549	575	602	631
37.6	3638	Chief Librarian	589	617	647	677	710
37.6	3640	Coord.Children's Services	589	617	647	677	710
37.6	3642	Coord. Adult Services	589	617	647	677	710
44.1	3668	Asst. City Librarian	800	838	878	920	966
51.1	3670	City Librarian	1114	1169	1226	1285	1349
29.4	5322	Graphic Artist	404	422	442	463	485
31.7	7302	Audio Visual Equipment Tech.	448	469	491	514	539
21.3	7416	Book Repairer	281	293	306	320	335
26.8	7418	Sr. Book Repairer	359	375	393	411	430
22.5	7426	Elevator Operator	295	309	323	338	354
23.5	8202	Watchman	309	323	338	354	370
27	8207	Building & Grounds Patrolman	362	379	396	414	434

Wages for the following classes are governed by Sections 8.403, 8.404 and 8.405 of the Charter and have not been established for the next fiscal year as yet.

2702	Janitress
2714	Janitor
2716	Janitor - Sub-Foreman
2718	Janitor - Foreman
7334	Stationary Engineer
7335	Sr. Stationary Engineer
7344	Carpenter
7355	Truck Driver

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SUMMARY OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL - APRIL 17

-- Dr. Starr discussed the 7-1/2% cut in the permanent salaries section of the 1975-1976 budget. In view of the 20 positions already frozen, no cuts are to be scheduled.

-- The distribution of remaining funds in the 1974-1975 book appropriation was discussed. The very low balance remaining in the adult portion of the total fund may necessitate a reallocation of available funds.

-- Roberto Esteves reports that CVRP is low on tape stock. He wants everyone wishing to have the services of CVRP to continue to submit their requests. However, his ability to respond is limited at this time.

-- The Commission has directed that all publicity be coordinated. Dr. Starr stated that there would be no unilateral publicity efforts, but that all would be cleared by our Public Relations Office. This is done not to stifle initiative, but rather to enable the coordination of all efforts for maximum effect.

-- Dr. Starr summarized a recent letter from Mrs. Crockett, the State Librarian, in which money is made available for the BARC-UCB Library Contract Proposal and $316,000 is granted to BARC for fiscal year 1975-1976.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Truly Friends

Continuing a tradition of constantly spiralling success, the book sale of the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library this year netted $24,313.66--a record amount. Any librarians

Truly Friends (cont.)

having projects needing funding are encouraged to submit details on such projects to the Adult Coordinator, the Children's Coordinator, or the Chief of Branches for submission to the Friends' screening committee.

The staff of the San Francisco Public Library conveys its gratitude and appreciation to the Friends and to the many hard-working volunteers who made this year's book sale such a success.

BARC Workshop

BARC's "Reference Potpourri" workshop will be given one final time next Wednesday, April 30, in the Lurie Room, starting at 9:30 a.m. Approximately one hundred persons have pre-registered--which means there are 50 remaining places. BARC encourages all SFPL staff members to attend, even if they have not pre-registered.

Book Collection Overlap Project

U.C.-Berkeley Library's Special Projects Office has included SFPL in a research project to study the amount of overlap in the book collections of nine research libraries of Northern California. These include four of the U.C. campuses, Stanford, Sonoma State University, Sacramento State University, California State Library, and SFPL.

A team of library school students is now checking the shelf lists for about 1,000 titles each--or 2,000 in the case of UCB. The titles are selected with the aid of computer-produced random numbers and specific measurements. Further checks will be made to locate all titles among these libraries, and even to study their availability and frequency of use by a shelf check if such circulation information is obtainable. In our library, circulation statistics are not available for individual books.

The report, due before the end of this year, will also cover the possible use of the information gathered to determine what materials might be considered lesser-used materials, and whether there are any obvious criteria for selecting them to place in storage.

This is the same office that did a study on periodical overlap last year.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.-2)

Say Hello to Dolly

The staff of the SFPL and their friends and relatives are invited to join the Filipino community in celebrating the winning of the John Cotton Dana Special Award by the SFPL at a dinner on Thursday, May 15, at the Mabuhay Gardens. For further information and reservations, call Dalisay Bocobo-Balunsat (558-3191).

The World's Fastest Librarian Speaks

Received from Karen Scannell: "There will be a general meeting for all branch librarians on Friday, May 2, at 9:00 a.m. in the Lurie Room. If you have items for the agenda, please send them to Mrs. Scannell by May 1." Also: "Compliment to West Portal staff--'You people are the best thing that's happened to West Portal since the tunnel.'" The Bernal Journal has an excellent article on Jacqueline Smeeth, Children's Librarian, Bernal Branch.

GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

Mr. Starr,

It is too often the case that when a knowledgeable person goes to a library he finds himself giving information to those there supposedly to assist the public. This is certainly not the case with one of your people in the Music and Arts department--Barry Brooker. This man has a command of his craft which is remarkable. Not only does he know where to find what you are looking for, but he actually knows most of the material first hand. His knowledge of music and recordings, especially, is truly amazing.

Mr. Brooker is one who will give assistance with no hum-haw'ing, no waiting, no pleas of ignorance. He is a most congenial aide who obviously loves his work and knows what his resource center is about, using it to the advantage and service of the public.

Sincerely,

John P. Sims, M.M.
Indiana University

GRATEFULLY RECEIVED (cont.)

Dr. Starr,

The typewriters' common need to unstick keys is such that to type an employment application here is an humiliating experience.

Truly,

Ruth V. Schraber

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

National Book Award

This is the award year for Virginia Hamilton! Recipient of the Newbery award for M.C. Higgins, the Great, she has now received the National Book Award for Children's Books for the same title. She is the first Black author who writes for children to receive both awards.

The Newbery award will be presented at the Newbery-Caldecott-Wilder banquet during ALA here in San Francisco.

Speaking of ALA

The Local Arrangements Committee for the Children's Services Division has been quietly working since last September. Arrangements for the Newbery-Caldecott-Wilder banquet and the Program and Business meeting for the Division are proceeding smoothly.

The Local Committee chaired by Ms. Effie Lee Morris, Co-ordinator of Children's Services, is composed of:

Ms. Betty Schwebacher, Ocean View Branch
Hostesses and Manitors

Ms. Mae Durham Reber, Library School, U.C.-Berkeley
Head Table Reception

Ms. Anne Santangelo, Co-ordinator, Children's Services, Contra Costa County
No-Host Cocktail Party (preceding the Banquet)

Ms. Ethel Ambrose, Co-ordinator, Children's Services, Stockton-San Joaquin County
Reception (following the Banquet)

Reservations for the dinner on July 1, 1975, at the San Francisco Hilton Hotel may be obtained by sending check or money order payable to ALA for $16.00--attention of Children's

FROM THE O.C.S. (cont.)

Speaking of ALA (cont.)

Services Division, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611. Reservations postmarked after June 1 will not be accepted.

Send reservations in as soon as possible. Two thousand and thirty-eight guests are expected, and the banquet is generally sold out.

Children's Rights

Riverside City and County Children's Services has produced its own brochure on Children's Rights. Ms. Samiva M. Worthing, Coordinator of Children's Services, writes to thank San Francisco Public Library Children's Services, saying that ours "was a big source of inspiration." The last line on the attractive blue brochure reads: "Adapted from 'Children's Rights,' Children's Services, San Francisco Public Library."

Summer Reading Plans

The secret is out! Plans for the GREAT SAN FRANCISCO READIN', the 13th annual Summer Reading Program, were announced at the Children's Librarians' meeting on April 18.

All children, preschool and up, are invited to participate at their local agencies. On the map of the city on the big chart are places of interest which the children will guess as they read their way around the city. They will record their progress by adding a cable car each time they report on a book, film, record or plaque in a variety of ways.

Children's Librarians will begin announcing the program in the schools in May.

Programs for Children

FILM PROGRAM - GOLDEN GATE VALLEY BRANCH. Wednesday, April 30, at 10:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (preschool): "Arrow to the Sun," "Bell for Ursli," "Is That a Nappy Hippopotamus?"

PUPPET SHOW - GLEN PARK BRANCH. Tuesday, May 1, at 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.: "The Gunniwolf," "Oniruku and the Carpenter," and "Three Billy Goats Gruff," performed by the Trip Trap Troupe (composed of Children's Librarians).

Dial-A-Story (626-6516)

"Children in Mother Goose Rhymes," told by Ms. Linda Geistlinger, Children's Specialist, Early Childhood Project.

RANDOM PROGRAM NOTES

From Joe Sugg, Golden Gate Valley Branch

"Alice Adams, Diane Johnson and Ella Leffland provided a sparkling informal discussion with some 80 persons who came from all over the City and as far away as the East Bay and the Peninsula. The meeting room was filled.

"After more than an hour of exchanges with the full audience, there was a break during which individuals talked with each other, followed by a brief concluding period.

"In the audience were a number of other writers, including Library Commissioner Ernest J. Gaines and short story writer Margery Finn Brown. A number of Library staff members also attended, and I'm sure will be sharing comments and insights from our talented writer guests.

"A large number of aspiring writers who were present were interested in a full range of questions about writing--sources, inspiration, processes, values, work methods, agents, etc. There was a wide sense of seeking and sharing.

"A table stocked with novels and stories by the authors was soon emptied, with everything checked out except one magazine and three copies of the novels which were on reserve here and in two other branches.

"We want to thank the branches that loaned copies for the program."

From Kay Roberts, West Portal Branch

"For the Fritz Leiber reading, we had a nice crowd of about 70 squeezed into the fiction section of the library. Mr. Leiber read two short stories--"The Man Who Made Friends with Electricity" was the first. He reads very well--the stories were amusing, and the audience obviously 'with him' all the time. He read a little from his just-finished book, set in San Francisco in the 1900's, at the end of the evening. It was very enjoyable for all. I would like to see him invited to other branches."

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"Pickle Family Jugglers provided an absolutely happy super evening! We had about 150 people--many small children 3-6, parents, adults, teen-agers, local people, and many strangers to the branch. The Pickle Family came in costume, are extremely amusing and do a very sophisticated, professional act. It was a real pleasure seeing such an age range in the audience responding so enthusiastically to a library program.

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From Kay Roberts...(cont.)

I was pleased that the Pickles made several references to the library as they talked ('and now, for the first time in this library...'). We received many compliments from the audience after the program."

From Ruth Stevenson, Sunset Branch

"Forty people attended the program on the Golden Gate National Recreation Area at Sunset Branch. The GGNRA staff expressed pleasure at the attendance and with the discussion that followed the slide show. Heaven knows, people were vocal!!!!!! (The first request was for a nude bathing area with GGNRA.) Personally, I was very pleased with the publicity. The FREE article was superb--expressed exactly the right things. I had hoped for a much larger attendance. I suspect that income tax time and programs at other branches may have contributed to the small audience."

From Nancy Kellum-Rose, Richmond Branch

"The Julian Theater gave a really splendid performance of Enrique Buenaventura's The Orgy to a standing room only crowd of about 80 people. The program drew both older adults from the neighborhood and younger people from all over the city. The acting was superb, and the audience responded enthusiastically. This is the most professional program I have ever had at Richmond Branch, and I hope we can have the Julian Theater back again soon."

From Faun McInnis, CAS

"Kathryn Coleman and I attended Joe Sugg's program, having done our homework. In reading Love Out of Season by Ella Leffland, we were both struck by the following passage about the San Francisco Public Library:

> *Parking by the main library, that imposing gray structure topped by robed statues of the Greeks, which he had once before entered in search of the city directory, he hurried up the great fern-hung staircase into the big card-catalogue room with its glittering chandelier, and began his quest for the islands of the Pacific, thinking of Johanna. The library's beauty was not matched by its organization, he was over an hour searching, and when he finally found the book he realized he had no card. Zooming off again, he tried to think of how to scare up a card, stopped to phone Rhonda--yes, she had one, but it was at home; waited till five and gave her a ride home on the back of the*

From Faun McInnis, OAS (cont.)

motorcycle, probably the high point of her life, got the card and returned; and as he finally checked out the book, the sense of Johanna which the place exuded from every corner culminated in a sunburst of inspiration. She had always had a library card. She must still have it. His heart banged once, twice against his ribs. He hurried to the application counter, his mind a spiraling miracle of the impromptu, and whispered to the woman there, "I'm doing a paper on Pistowitz--"

"You don't have to whisper," she informed him, glancing up.

He began again, in a gentle, scholarly voice. "I'm doing a paper on Pistowitz, the Austrian ornithologist? Late eighteenth century, drowned in the great Danube flood?"

"This is just the registration office--"

"If you'll just bear with me for half a minute. I used to know a woman, Kaulbach was her name, Johanna Kaulbach; a little Viennese lady, up in her eighties, but a very fine scholar, and a great user of your library. And I wonder if you could be so extremely kind as to take a peek in your files and see if she still has a card and if so if you could give me her address. She's an authority on Pistowitz, you see, and if--"

"We don't keep a file like that," she broke in impatiently.

His face fell.

"There are people behind you, please," she told him, as if addressing one of the elderly nuts who wandered around with fistfuls of yellowed notes mumbling to themselves.

"Ignatz Pistowitz," he stated loudly, shooting his head forward, "discovered the giant night loon!" And she stepped back.

As he walked outside he could still feel the slip of paper between his fingers--the expectation of it, a slip of paper with an address written across it, black on white, securely between thumb and forefinger, oh fantastic moment! And instead, the void again.

"Kathryn is a personal friend of Ella's, having worked with her at the Sun Reporter in the 60's, while Ella was writing Mrs. Munck. After the program we asked her (in confidence) if she had had an experience like the above while using the library. She assured us it was completely fiction."

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #11

April 25, 1975

WELCOME TO: Ms. Sharon Brooks, Clerk Typist (CETA), Periodicals Dept.
Ms. Althea Adams, Jr. Clerk Typist (CETA), Registration

FAREWELL TO: Ms. Yoshiko Bakhtiary, Lib. Tech. Asst. I, Art & Music

NEW ASSIGNMENTS:

Barbara Berne, Library Assistant to Mission Branch effective April 28.
Ellen Shatter, Librarian I, to remain in Catalog Department
Terrence Higgins, Library Assistant to Noe Valley effective April 28.
Frank Mills, Library Assistant to Science Department effective April 28.

PROMOTIONS:

Gearldine McCowan promoted to Lib. Tech. Asst. I, Catalog Dept.

NEW PLACEMENT REQUESTS:

Anyone interested in the following positions, please send a written statement to Personnel by noon Wednesday, April 30.

Librarian I - CETA - Art & Music effective May 30.
Librarian I - CETA - Talking Books/Bookbridge Project
Library Tech. Asst. I - Talking Books

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LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ego Absolvo Te

The Art and Music Department has received with joy and gladness a missing reference set left in the main sorting room with a note saying that it was "returned with shame and repentance." Says Ms. Mary Ashe: "We call on all our fellow staff members to rejoice with us, for that which was lost is found--for a change."

(It is appropriate to take this opportunity to praise the Art and Music Department for its erudition in recently answering a question on music posed by the editor. The answer was given virtually instantaneously upon the humming of a tune.)

Another Pow Wow

There will be a meeting of all chiefs and coordinators in the Office of the City Librarian at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 5. Anyone having items to submit for the agenda, please call Griff Stokes.

Project Planning Committee

The Project Planning Committee to select projects to be funded by the Friends of the San Francisco Library will consist of the three Friends' Vice Presidents--David Yamakawa, Grace MacDuff, and William Mackey--Coordinators Anne Kincaid and Effie Lee Morris, Commission Secretary George Cerasi, Public Information Officer David Belch, Executive Assistant Griff Stokes, and Mr. Joseph Sugg.

Projects should: benefit the people of San Francisco, build support for the Library and Friends, support the staff of the Library, encourage reading and the use of the SFPL, act as a pilot demonstration, attract outside funds, and utilize volunteers. In voting to fund recommended Library

Project Planning Committee (cont.)

projects, the Friends observe a policy stating that funds should be used for enrichment projects which are not being provided through city funding.

Projects should be submitted to the appropriate coordinator by May 16. Desired projects for children's services will be the subject of discussion at the meeting of children's librarians scheduled for May 16. There will be a meeting of this committee on May 20 in the Friends' Room at the Main Library at 2:00 p.m.

SACKCLOTH AND ASHES DEPARTMENT

My apologies to Karen Scannell for my unclear re-write of her information in the last issue of the O.B. I wish to state clearly that the compliments regarding the West Portal Branch were not expressed by Ms. Scannell, but were transmitted by a patron; and Ms. Scannell transmitted these comments to the O.B. (The use of single quotes, however, in the item should have given some indication of this.)

Any embarrassment caused Ms. Scannell is unfortunate; and I apologize for it.

(In answer to the anonymous note coming to me, saying, "So what. Why compliments to West Portal? What's the article about Smeeth?" I call attention to the above for the answer to the first question. And suggest reading the Bernal Journal for the answer to the other.)

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor of O.B. and Ms. Scannell

Are there any policies or rules for wanting to learn a Foreign language? Who approves such requests? Can pages, technicians, librarians take library working time to do it? Can a librarian take his or her time, and another staff's time in the library to learn a foreign language? Is it legal? Can a staff member refuse to teach another person when such actions have not the sanction or approval of the Administration?

Being new here, there is no one above me that I can ask these questions. This has been going on for about a month.

Anonymous

Answer to anonymous questioner concerned with the library's policy about staff who wish to learn a foreign language:

Any request from a staff member to attend a class or workshop on library time must be approved by the chief of the division and the City Librarian. In most cases classes are taken on the staff member's own time.

If the class would be of direct benefit to the library (example: a staff member learning to speak a language in order to communicate with branch patrons), arrangements might to made to give some compensatory time.

The staff member would be expected to study on his/her own time. Practicing a language with other staff members, if it can be done without detriment to public service, is approved.

Karen Scannell
Chief of Branches

From Ms. Shirley Mack, Waden Branch:

Is it Library Policy that people who work for the SFPL (or their immediate relatives) cannot use or visit other libraries within the system other than that which an employee is assigned? If this is so, would you please print said policy in the Official Bulletin for everyone to read.

(Answer: There is no such policy. However, despite a lack of administrative policy, one should observe the usual amenities of professional courtesy.)

From Ms. Glenda Hooper, Ortega Branch:

I wonder if Dr. Starr's reply could be made public or if he could make a general reply to the staff re. the points that were raised in the letter.

(Ms. Hooper is referring to the letter from the page criticizing the cutback of page hours. Refer to the last item in the O.B.)

From Sally Houston, Excelsior Branch:

Re. the letter in the O.B. from Bernal page Kathleen Bourne: Right On. Whoever is responsible for this mess should take a bow for incompetence--and then get busy on a solution. We ask tremendous efforts from our pages and then reward them with this.

GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

Gentlemen:

Just a note to say how very impressed I am with your very polite and efficient staff, particularly your TIBBY STOREY who recently helped me find information on Hungarian horses for a magazine article I am writing. The way they answer the phone and respond to inquiries is exceptional in this impolite day and age.

Sincerely,

Kam Malloy

REPORT ON MEETING OF AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR INFORMATION SCIENCE AND THE SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

On April 10 we attended a joint meeting, held in Berkeley, of the Bay Area Chapters of the American Society for Information Science and the Special Libraries Association. The topic was, "Do we need another national program for scientific and technical information?" ASIS will report to the National Science Foundation the concerns expressed in this and other chapter meetings. Questionnaires on planning requirements were distributed, and participants were asked to choose objectives and rank priorities on such issues as 1) What national policy and organization is needed? 2) What federal money should be spent on existing services and where should it be spent? 3) What R & D activities and dollars are needed for future improvements?

A panel of librarians expressed their views, and group discussions and reporting followed. Some major concerns were improving management of, assuring access to, and promoting use of scientific and technical information. Of special interest to our group were improving the quality of information being produced, providing access to such information in a format and language intelligible to the general public, consideration of the sci/tech info needs of public libraries as well as industrial and academic libraries, making the documents themselves more accessible--not just the citations to those documents--and insuring that sci/tech info be used to aid social goals.

Audrey Powers and
Carol Zajchowski, BARC

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

General session meetings are open to anyone interested; registration at the conference is not required. Three of the four sessions are part of the 1975-1976 "Libraries and the Life of the Mind in America" series, which is in celebration of the ALA centennial and the Bicentennial, and will include the reading of major papers on libraries.

The meetings will be held:

Sunday, June 29, 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Speaker: John Hope Franklin
"Libraries in a Pluralistic Society"

Monday, June 30, 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Speaker: Dan Lacy
"Libraries and Freedom of Access to Information"

Thursday, July 3, 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Speaker to be announced.
"Libraries and the Development and Future of Tax Support"

Friday, July 4, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

ALA Conference Exhibits

All visitors to the exhibit areas will be required to have a registration badge. Free registration badges (for admission to exhibits only but not to meetings) will be available in advance. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Conference Manager, ALA Conference Arrangements Office, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, not later than June 1. Paid registrants will, of course, use their regular badges for admission to both meetings and exhibits.

Open Hours:	June 29	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Location: Brooks Hall and the second floor of the Civic Auditorium.
	June 30	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
	July 1	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
	July 2	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Although the article in Bernal Journal about Ms. Jacqueline Smeeth was mentioned last week, further comment should be made. Writer Christine Axelrod does an excellent job of describing the service to children as performed by an enthusiastic and caring children's librarian.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES (cont.)

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The Main Children's Room received a Newcomb Record Player which is becoming more popular every day. It needed introduction by the children's librarians at first. The record collection, kept under the player, receives more attention than previously. Main Children's Room is glad to have received this much-needed addition to the Room.

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Excelsior Branch published the March issue of Write On'--continuing this newspaper publication by the children's Advisory Council.

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Ms. Marilou Miller, Children's Specialist, Marina Branch, reports how, after pre-school story hour, two children were sitting at the table looking at picture story books...

1st child to 2nd: (solemnly) "I can't read without my glasses."

2nd child: (equally solemnly) "Me either."

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Ms. Jerry Neiman, Children's Specialist, Richmond Branch, reports that seven-year-old David Risner came up to her one day last week and said, "You know what? You have so many good books here I don't know where to begin. I don't think I'm ever going to leave!"

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Children's Television Fair

There was a special treat for children of San Francisco on Sunday, April 20. The first Children's Television Fair was held and was well-attended by children, their parents and friends. The Children's Services and CVRP participated by presenting and videotaping story programs given by two Children's Specialists--Ms. Linda Geistlinger and Mr. Peter Connolly. They were so well-received that four programs, instead of the scheduled two, were presented.

Dial-A-Story (626-8516)

"Children in Mother Goose Rhymes," told by Ms. Linda Geistlinger, Children's Specialist, Early Childhood Project.

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FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES (cont.-2)

To: Department of Telling Children's Stories

I do want to commend you for the fine piece of work you are offering to children.

Last week I phoned to have my grandchild hear one of your weekly stories and she was so delighted that I called back to hear what had been told her. You even brightened my day!

Thank you for your fine contribution. With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Leona Janov

PAGE HOURS: A RETROSPECTIVE

In essence, the "cut" in page hours represents the vagaries of dealing with budgetary processes. For fiscal year 1974-75 the budgeted amount for page hours was $349,000--a decrease from $385,000 for the prior fiscal year. The issue was further complicated by the Bang's suit, which legally challenged the pay raises voted by the Board of Supervisors. It was decided at the Library to authorize full spending of the budgeted amount, using the old rates. The rationale behind this was that there was time to submit a request for a supplemental appropriation to the Board of Supervisors.

The supplemental appropriation became "stuck" in the office of the Mayor's budget analyst; and the staff of the Library decided that it was necessary at that point to slash the page hours in order that essential services could be maintained--at a reduced rate--through the end of the fiscal year.

Concerned and vocal pages, an efficient and tenacious union, and the staff of the Library then joined efforts to have a supplemental appropriation voted by the Finance Committee of the Board. (The Board will hold its two readings on this matter on May 5 and May 12.) The "cut" in page hours, therefore, has been ordered rescinded.

As City Librarian, I wish to thank the pages for their political assertion, the employees' union for its strength, and all who patiently worked in the process of restoring the much needed page hours.

--Kevin Starr
City Librarian

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LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

SUMMARY OF CHIEFS' AND COORDINATORS' MEETING--MAY 5, 1975

-- The staff account based on a 25¢-per-volume service charge now totals $625. It was decided that this amount should be used to improve the staff lounge.

-- Dr. Starr commented on actions now being taken to ensure the continuation of the part-time librarian program in fiscal year 1975/1976.

-- It was announced that the work of Professor Esherick's students on architectural concepts for a new Main Library would be reviewed at U.C.-Berkeley on May 15 (time and place to be announced).

-- The House of Representatives has passed a bill including $5 million for LSCA. (See reprint of State Library letter, page 4.)

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder from the BARC Staff

Please do not refer San Francisco Library patrons directly to the BARC office (either in person or on the telephone). If a patron has a reference question that has been unsuccessfully searched in your subject department, fill out the BARC subject request form and send the form to BARC. Branch requests should be sent first to the Branch Room, and the Branch Room then sends the form to BARC. If you have any further questions about procedures, please don't hesitate to consult with a BARC staff member. Thanks.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

Part High School Sophomore is Acting City Librarian

Most librarians may have missed the day of Elizabeth McGee's acting as city librarian as part of the Youth-in-Government program, but those who met the charming sophomore from St. Rose Academy in San Francisco could not help but be impressed by her magnetic personality. Ms. McGee, who is one of nine children of Mr. and Mrs. James McGee, was selected for her honorific post by a competitive essay. Her subject was "How to Beautify San Francisco for the Next Two Hundred Years."

Advisory Council Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Advisory Council on Tuesday, May 13, at 3:30 p.m. in the Office of the City Librarian. Anyone having items for the agenda should present them to Griff Stokes by 5:00 p.m., Monday, May 12.

Nominations Solicited

Any member of the SFPL staff wishing to nominate librarians for the Librarian I examining board should suggest names to Ms. Eleanor Clayton (#4235) by 5:00 p.m., Monday, May 12.

Cases to Spare

A Friends' Committee chaired by Mrs. Cecil Poole has chosen Monday, June 30, as the date for a reception to formally announce publication of the bibliography Blacks and Their Contribution to the American West. Mrs. Poole has contacted many of the old families mentioned in the book, and they are collecting memorabilia for a small exhibit in conjunction with the reception.

Since all Main Library exhibit cases are committed for that time, we would like to borrow 2-3 cases from a branch or branches. Please call Meg Mayer in the Friends' Office (3770) if you have an exhibit case to lend for a short time.

Voter Volunteer

"Roger Dillon, CETA staff member of the General Reference Department, has taken on the job of coordinating the Voter Registration Project. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help me."

--Karen Scannell

American Libraries Needed

The Literature Department needs copies of American Libraries, October 1974 and February 1974, to complete its bindery file. Anyone having any, please send them to the Literature Department.

Volunteer for Rare Book Auction

The Friends are sponsoring the public auction of duplicate books from the Special Collections Department and would welcome volunteers from the staff. Fine press books, limited editions, and books on graphic arts are being offered.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help on this auction, please fill out the form which follows:

AUCTION SALE TO BENEFIT SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

We need volunteers for the following:

I. PREVIEW - Public exhibition for presale inspection.

Saturday, May 17, 1975, Commission Room, Main Library.

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. ( )
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. ( )

Volunteers will supervise the handling and inspection of books.

II. AUCTION

Sunday, May 18, 1975, Literature Room, Main Library.

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

We need volunteers to: Register bidders ( )
Record bids ( )
Assist auctioneers ( )
Handle sales ( )
(adding/cashiering)

We will try to honor your assignment request. Please plan to attend an important briefing meeting for all volunteers on Wednesday, May 14, at 9:00 a.m. in the Rare Book Room.

Check the boxes, mark your calendar, and return this form to Mig Mayer, Friends of SFPL Office, by Tuesday, May 13, please.

SFPL Staffer to Address Colloquium Program at Berkeley Library School

Charles A. Fracchia, assistant public relations officer for the SFPL, has been invited to address the monthly Colloquium at the U.C.-Berkeley School of Library Science on Wednesday, May 14. He will speak on "The Necessity of Private Funds for the Development of a Public Library."

FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY

Dear colleague,

On April 16, the House of Representatives passed HR 5901, a $7.2 billion education appropriations bill for FY 1976. During debate on the bill an amendment was offered by Representatives Edward R. Roybal of California, David R. Obey of Wisconsin and Louis Stokes of Ohio adding $487.5 million to the bill for 13 different education and library programs, including $5 million for Title I of the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA), and an additional $10 million in FY 1977 forward funding for ESEA IV-B. This amendment was adopted by a vote of 259 to 143.

Without adoption of this amendment, the House bill would have reduced LSCA Title I $5 million below this year's level, and would have provided no more for ESEA Title IV-B in FY 1977 than was available in FY 1974 for school library resources, educational equipment, guidance, counseling and testing....

Sincerely,

Collin Clark
Public Information Officer
California State Library

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The April issue of "The Kool News" was published by the Children's Advisory Council, Chinatown Branch. This issue includes an interview of the Children's Librarian, Ms. Helen Cannon. To the question "Who are the people you like best in the library?" Ms. Cannon responded like a true Children's Librarian, "I like everybody in the library."

The Chinatown Branch Children's Advisory Council meets every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES (cont.)

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Librarians from Ortega, Parkside and Sunset Branches participated in the SPEAK-sponsored "Fair on Self Help in the Sunset," held on April 19, 1975, at St. Ignatius College Preparatory School. Children were attracted to the viewmaster and reels, and Children's Librarians Ms. Karey Wehner and Ms. Mary Jane Brown were kept busy telling about the children's books and brochures displayed and explaining how to get a library card.

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Congratulations to

Ms. Linda Geistlinger, who has been appointed to the ALA Children's Services Division Preschool and Parent Education Committee for 1975-1977.

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Dial-A-Story (626-6516)

"The Clever Turtle," an African folktale, told by Ms. Grace Ruth, Children's Specialist, Early Childhood Project.

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Correction

In the April 18 Official Bulletin, credit for videotaping Supervisor Mendelsohn's presentation of the ordinance to prohibit discrimination against families with children was incorrectly given. The videotaping was done by the California Video Resources Project.

THE LIBRARY AT THE HOBBY SHOW

The 22nd annual Senior Citizens' Hobby Show was held at the Hall of Flowers in Golden Gate Park on Thursday and Friday, May 1 and 2. This City-wide event attracted hundreds of older hobbyists and others, as well as many of the agencies that serve older persons. Many different kinds of entertainment were on stage--from a gospel choir to Japanese folk dancing and banjo players.

Some of the hobby, arts, and crafts items were for display only, but this year for the first time a broad variety of items was offered for sale at extremely reasonable prices--plants, many kinds of needlework, enameled copper jewelry, paintings, wastebaskets, and scores of other items including sushi, home-baked cakes, and other foods. Most of the proceeds go to the

THE LIBRARY AT THE HOBBY SHOW (cont.)

makers of the items. The Show has grown so much that it may well expand into an additional adjoining gallery next year.

The Library's Older Adult Committee set up and staffed an information table in the large room reserved for agencies and services. A Talking Book machine and the pertinent printed matter were a major feature of the Library table. A representative selection of large print books was displayed. Copies of FREE, the Talking Books flyer, and the flyer about Bookbridge homebound service were offered to passersby.

Other agencies with information tables included RSVP, Catholic Social Services, Community College District, Social Security Administration, Meals on Wheels, Health Department, Hearing Society, and a legislative table offering three-inch SENIOR POWER buttons for twenty-five cents. (One button was sold to an indigent 85-year-old for a kiss. A group of high school students came by the legislative table and were attracted to the buttons "We're Seniors!" "Good! You can keep them for forty years and recycle them.")

At the Library table we talked with scores of persons about library services, including agency personnel and many who work in senior centers all over the City.

On Friday the mediamobile parked outside with a selection of books and films on arts and crafts. Of the persons from the Hobby Show who came on board, several were registered to vote. Persons of all ages who were walking through the park were also attracted to the machine.

I believe the Library staff members who participated agree that this event was a valuable information exchange and should be done again next year. Older Adult Committee members who participated were Dottie Myers, Joe Sugg, Margaret Kostouros, Ruth Stevenson, Cynthia Lingo and Leslie Eldridge.

--Joe Sugg

THE S.F.P.L. AND THE AMERICAN ISSUES FORUM

The San Francisco Public Library is taking a leading role in the nation's major Bicentennial program, American Issues Forum. Not only is the office of the Forum in San Francisco housed in the Main Library, but members of the Library's staff are centrally involved both nationally and locally: Effie Lee Morris, Coordinator of Children's Services, is serving on a committee of the American Library Association which is developing lists of readings, films, records, etc. for use in the Forum by millions of young

people across the country; Anne Kincaid and Faun McInnes in Adult Services are developing and coordinating special programs for the patrons of the city's branch libraries; and Dr. Kevin Starr, City Librarian, is Secretary-Treasurer of the San Francisco American Issues Forum Committee--the group of citizens responsible for encouraging city-wide participation in the Forum.

American Issues Forum is being developed from a suggestion made by Walter Cronkite by the National Endowment for the Humanities, and is co-sponsored by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration. In San Francisco, a special and intensive effort is being made to insure widespread participation in the Forum. Assisted by the National Endowment for the Humanities, this effort consists in a number of major projects sponsored by the city's leading educational and cultural institutions, as well as programs and activities being developed by community organizations and the media. More than one thousand such organizations are being invited to participate.

Among the special efforts being encouraged by the Committee is a program to be sponsored jointly by the city's private and public libraries. It is expected that these libraries, especially the branches of the Public Library, will offer more than one hundred programs on the monthly and weekly issues embraced by the Forum. Inspired by the well-established tradition of branch library activities, these programs will take a variety of formats under the direction of Anne Kincaid and her staff--study groups, film series, speakers, readings, etc.--all keyed to the Forum's calendar.

More information on the Forum in San Francisco and the opportunities it affords the city's libraries will appear in future issues of the Bulletin.

The American Issues Forum provides the San Francisco Public Library with a splendid opportunity to involve more of the community in the Library's affairs; and gives it a panache of public involvement.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #13

May 9, 1975

WELCOME TO: Mr. Derrald Ethelcy, Affirmative Action Officer, (CETA) temporarily working out of Secretary's Office

RETROACTIVE PAY NOTICE:

The Personnel Department is in the process of preparing the retroactive timerolls. Because of the vast amount of work involved in processing them and the fact that we must also keep up with our regular work load, we cannot predict exactly when the timerolls will be completed. Further information will be posted in future Official Bulletins.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Librarian I, ($9,480-$11,505); public services in a subject department. Requirements are A.L.A. accredited degree and ability to work with public. A background in the field of humanities is desirable as well as experience in documents and/or periodicals. Send resumes and letters of recommendation to: Director, Tacoma Public Library, 1102 Tacoma Avenue, Tacoma, Washington 98402. Closing date is May 20, 1975.

Book Mender ($680-$835) Recent experience in binding and restoring of printed material. Qualifying performance and typing test. File by May 16, 1975. Apply to: City of San Leandro, Personnel Office, City Hall, 835 East 14th Street, San Leandro, California 94577.

Document Recorder I ($576-$700); Receives legal documents and account fees and taxes, types master indexes and assists public in locating desired records. Two years of clerical experience and ability to type are required. File by May 14, 1975. Apply to: Sonoma County Civil Service Commission, Room 101-E, Education Building, 2555 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa, California 95401.

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SUMMARY OF COMMISSION MEETING--MAY 6, 1975

-- The Commission appointed Ms. Kay Schmulowitz the Honorary Curator for Wit and Humor

-- The Commission gave permission to Dr. Starr to attend a library workshop given by HEW in Detroit.

-- The Commission authorized the attendance of Gil McNamee at the Library Planning Institute at the University of San Francisco on June 23-27.

-- The Commission authorized the attendance of Anne Roughton at a workshop on "Principle, Methods, and Materials of Adult Education" at Berkeley on June 27-29, July 11-15, and July 25-27.

-- Commissioner Van der Lieth reported on the extensive changes, remodeling, and renovation being done in the Main Library.

THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF DEATH DEPARTMENT

Hold Onto Your Hats--and Wallets and Purses

The recent experience of Pat Akre of the San Francisco History Room, whose purse was stolen from her desk in the closed-to-the-public archival stacks, reminds us that no corner of the library is safe from the incursions of thieves. (Ms. Akre called the front desk immediately upon seeing the thief flee with her purse; but, despite the valiant attempts of the SFPL's "finest", the thief escaped.) All valuables, therefore, should be either locked or kept on one's person in order to prevent such depredations.

...VALLEY OF DEATH DEPT. (cont.)

Another Jack the Ripper Loose in Library

Vigilance is asked of all library personnel in order to apprehend a new psychotic vandal whose "m.o." is the shredding of all pages in a book, and then re-shelving the maimed copy. Sixty books from the literary criticism section in the Literature Department recently received the ministrations of this barbarian--and that was followed by thirty books from the communism section of the History Department. If this person is not stopped, entire sections of the Library's subject collections will be decimated.

SUMMARY OF ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING--MAY 13, 1975

-- There was a general discussion of the use of the staff fund for refurbishing the existing lounge areas.

-- Dr. Starr presented the highlights of the recent HEW-sponsored meeting in Detroit of librarians from major cities.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

McNamee Speaks Again

The industrious BARC Director Gil McNamee, nationally-known expert on networking and regional reference centers, will speak before a Special Libraries Association seminar on Networks and On-Line Searching on Monday, May 19, in Oakland.

Children's Books Topic

"Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow--Views of Children and Books" will be interpreted by Mae Durham Roger at a dinner meeting hosted by the San Francisco Chapter Women's National Book Association on Tuesday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m., to which the public is invited. Reservations for the dinner meeting at the Magic Pan, 341 Sutter Street in San Francisco, are required; call 621-0837. Reception is from 6:00 p.m.

Philippine Culture Week Activities Set for Branches

To celebrate the Independence of the Philippines, the San Francisco Public Library and the Filipino Community are co-sponsoring the 1975 Philippine Culture Week from June 9

Philippine Culture Week (cont.)

through June 13, and the Filipiniana Exhibit of works by Filipino-American writers of San Francisco from June 10 through July 10 in the Richmond, Eureka Valley, and Bernal branches.

Civil Service Employees Invited to Join San Francisco Fire Department Numismatic Society

All Civil Service employees and their families are invited to join the San Francisco Fire Department Numismatic Society. Meetings are held every second Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., in the Clarendon School library. Discussions on various aspects of numismatry and social outings are featured by this group. For further information, call Richard Walsh, 664-0,57.

BARC Workshop for Special Libraries

On Wednesday, May 14, BARC held a workshop for librarians from the San Francisco special libraries which are currently participating in BARC's experimental networking project. Talks and tours were organized and conducted by the project librarian, Audrey Powers, aided by Anne Roughton and other staff members.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

San Francisco Public Library's Children's Services received national attention in a front-page signed article in the Wall Street Journal on Wednesday, May 7:

> *Advisory Councils of children as young as three years help run the juvenile sections of some of San Francisco branch libraries. Several councils have compiled information files that list such things as the best candy store and the best climbing tree in the neighborhood.*
>
> *Telephones play a big role at some libraries. Preschoolers in San Francisco can dial the library for a three-minute recorded story. Some calls for the stories, changed weekly, come in at 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m.*

Both references were in prominent positions at the beginning of a section. This article was the result of an interview of Miss Effie Lee Morris, Children's Coordinator, by Mr. John J. Ryan.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES (cont.)

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Dial-A-Story (626-6516)

"A Week of Sundays," an Irish folktale, told by Ms. Karen Ding, Early Childhood Specialist.

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Dear librarians,

I have recently moved to San Francisco with my eight year old son, Mark.

We wanted to let you know that we think the children's library (Civic Center) is one of the nicest parts of living here. Mark was so surprised that the librarian asked him what kinds of books he liked to read and then helped him choose, "the best books ever!"

The first time I went to the library with Mark, I, too, was impressed with the helpful attitude of the librarians and their concern and interest in the children. Mark has developed a new desire to read, primarily because going to the library is such a pleasant experience. It's sad to think that we've lived in cities where the atmosphere created by the attitude of the librarians was quite different.

I have recently been hired as director of the Hastings Child Care Center. Having been a pre-school teacher for many years, I have, of course, been involved closely with children's literature and reading readiness activities. It is so encouraging to feel a renewed faith in the wonder and excitement available to children through their contact with books. And I am elated that, clearly, the library staff shares this conviction and thus provides the best possible incentive to read that I know of.

Sincerely,

Judy Bencivengo
Hastings Child Care Center

P.S. We are also enjoying Dial-a-Story and the Sat. morning radio show.

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From the Chief of Branches

"Chinatown, Excelsior, Richmond and West Portal branches have been asked to work out the Sunday schedule for July through December. Please be prepared to sign up for your share of Sundays." --Karen Scannell.

News Notes is Coming

Word has been received from the California State Library that News Notes is still alive although publication has been delayed. The SFPL will continue to receive issues as they are published.

Another Production of Dolly

Dalisay Bocobo-Balunsat of General Reference will be interviewed on Channel 20 (KEMO-TV) on Sunday, May 25, as part of the beginning of festivities for the 1975 Philippine Cultural Week.

Give Them Back

If you possess or have seen unbound copies of El Libro Espanol or The Reprint Bulletin outside of the General Reference area, please let General Reference know. Someone seems to have taken them.

Proceedings of Four BARC Workshops Now Available from ERIC

Proceedings of four BARC workshops are now available from the ERIC Clearinghouse on Information Resources, Stanford, California 94305. They are: "The Library as the Community Switchboard," February 1973 (ERIC number 101744), "The World of Work," August 1973 (ERIC number ED101741), "China Workshop,"

Proceedings of Four BARC Workshops...(cont.)

June 1974 (ERIC number ED101740), and "Contemporary Trends in Information Delivery," December 1974 (ERIC number ED101715).

From the Coordinator of Adult Services

"Thanks to Gilda Turitz' careful scanning of the Foundation Directory and Glenda Hooper's quick follow-through in drafting a proposal, the library has received a check for $250 from the Piatigorsky Chess Foundation, which is interested in activities which help to stimulate an interest in chess.

"The money will be used to buy additional chess sets for the branch libraries.

"Anne Kincaid wishes to thank the library staff for the many kindnesses extended to her during her recent illness. Also a public tribute is due to Kathryn Coleman and Faun McInnis for keeping the Office of Adult Services functioning smoothly in her absence." --Anne Kincaid.

From the Personnel Office

"I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the California Video Tape Resource Project staff, which assisted so ably with their unique skills and techniques; to Mr. William Ramirez, a prime motivator, who along with the heads of departments and departmental staff, gave invaluable direction and expertise; to Ms. Sall Fee, Mayor's Office for Manpower Development, who gave resourceful critiques in the extremely successful 'mock interview' training sessions on May 8, 15, and 16. Twenty-two staff members participated in this workshop. This is just another fine example of the cooperative spirit which exists internally within the Library. May I join with the participants in anticipating other future endeavors." --Ms. Lori Croskey.

Car Cards on Muni Buses

In a burst of creative publicity for the SFPL, the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library arranged for posters both on the outside and inside of many San Francisco Municipal buses. They feature several authors and literary characters, who collectively say, "Meet me at the San Francisco Public Library." Congratulations to the Friends and to the advertising men who conceived the idea.

Librarians Go from Bay to Breakers

The image of the sedentary librarian may be breaking down. Despite the fact that Karen Scannell did not enter the Bay-to-Breakers race this year (Sunday, May 18) to compete--opting instead to run with her seven-year-old son--librarians from the San Francisco Public Library did reasonably well. Grace Ruth, Casey Agostino, and Tom Argo represented the SFPL with distinction.

Running in the annual event was not an unusual event for Argo, who each day runs to the SFPL from his home at 25th Street and Church--and back again in the evening. This stint began because of his having to run after Muni buses, whose operators refused to open doors for him; and he now sports a shirt with the legend, "Run for your health, not for the Muni."

Memorial Closing

The SFPL will be closed on Monday, May 26, for Memorial Day.

From the *Hotline* of May 19

"ALA Ballot 'Illegal'? The beady eye of Wilson Library Bulletin editor Bill Eshelman spotted the fact that on the ballot now out for election to ALA Council the names are not in random order, as required, but in alphabetical order, which gives a substantial advantage to people near the front of the alphabet. The mistake, which is owned up to by ALA HQ, could affect the chances of several candidates in an election where getting chosen or getting lost depends on a very few votes. This can be minimized if voting members realize the handicap and make a conscious effort to look over the whole slate before choosing the people they want to vote for; library administrators could help by alerting ALA members on their staffs to the error, and hopefully ALA won't have to spend its time in San Francisco arguing over whether to throw out the whole election and start fresh and legal."

SUMMARY OF MEETING OF CHIEFS AND COORDINATORS--Tuesday, May 20

-- Ms. Goodwin reported on the results of the Rare Book Sale held on May 18. Over $19,000 was brought in from the sale of duplicate volumes. Mayor Alioto was the first auctioneer and set a highly successful page for the remainder of of the sale.

SUMMARY OF MEETING...(cont.)

-- Ms. Goodwin also pointed out some deficiencies in employee actions prior to the sale--which will be the subject of an investigation.

-- Dr. Starr pointed out that adequate funding for part-time librarians for the coming year has been secured.

DUPLICATE BOOK SALE NETS $19,000

The decision to "weed out" and sell bibliographic duplicates from the Rare Books collection netted almost $20,000--which funds will be used for adding to the various collections contained in the Rare Books and Special Collections Department.

There were 352 items--mostly from fine presses or typographical works--which were auctioned. The auctioneers were the Hon. Joseph L. Alioto, George Fox, Sandra Kirshenbaum--all of whom generated a great deal of interest among the 250 bidders present. SFPL volunteers Vivian Goodwin, Anne Englund, and Betty Williams brought the SFPL's feelings of glee and delight to the event.

The gratitude and appreciation of the San Francisco Public Library and of its patrons go to the Friends who organized the auction.

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Dear Kevin:

For the first time in several years, I had the occasion to use the Main Library and the experience was so exhilarating that I would like to share it with you.

I didn't know my way around and my quest was unusual, so I had to contact a lot of people.

From the security personnel in the lobby to the information desk to the elevator operator and, finally, to the personnel upstairs, I saw nothing but intelligence, good will, and a knowledge of the jobs at hand.

I have long believed that we needed a new physical plant for our library, and the visit really

confirmed an old belief. But the staff apparently is willing to ignore the hardships that a poor building and poor equipment entail. Their spirits were undismayed and their kindnesses to me most appreciated.

Congratulations to all hands.

Sincerely yours,

Abe Mellinkoff, City Editor
San Francisco Chronicle

Mr. Gil McNamee
Director, BARC

Dear Gil:

As I was driving home yesterday after the "Workshop for Special Libraries," so thoughtfully presented by Audrey Powers, I was struck by the full impact of all we had been exposed to during the day--the outstanding resources of SFPL, and the research capabilities and tremendous attitude of helpfulness that exists within the BARC staff. It is to your credit that you sponsored a program such as this workshop for special librarians. Even for those of us who have worked at SFPL, it was a most useful reminder to have the in-depth tours of Science/Technology and History/Social Sciences. The extent of research tools available there is overwhelming by comparison to the relatively limited resources available at Bechtel Corporation Central Library. It will inevitably help us to provide better service to our people knowing that such a comprehensive collection of resources exists at SFPL to back up our own efforts.

I do hope you will be able to present this workshop again in the very near future, as I have two staff members who were unable to attend yesterday who would benefit immeasurably by a repeat performance.

Thanks to you, Audrey, and Anne for a very worthwhile effort.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Searby, Manager
Central Library

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Dear John Van Der Zee:

I love your poster, MEET ME AT THE S.F. PUBLIC LIBRARY. It is witty, original and should do a great job getting people to the library to find out who these "characters" are. Please send me 20 small (2 ft.) posters and bill me for any charges.

Thanks so much--

Anais Nin

Dear Mrs. Mayer:

Your magnificent picture of the Cat in the Hat with his intellectual friends is a joy to behold. He and I both heartily approve his inclusion and wish you all the best of luck on one of the brightest pieces of publicity I have ever seen.

I would greatly appreciate your sending me a few of these posters when they come off the press.

Very cordially yours,

DR. SEUSS

Theodor S. Geisel

Dear Dr. Starr

If the library is so short of money (or even if it weren't), why is the heat still going full blast while we have all the windows open to let it cool off in here??????????????

Any very warm staff member

BALLOTS

Back in November, 1974, I mentioned in the O.B. that SFPL is to be a part of the State's pilot program in BALLOTS--the computerized acquisitions and cataloging system at Stanford University. Now that plans are more certain and we will, hopefully, be in it in June, a short explanation seems to be appropriate.

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BALLOTS (cont.)

The State's pilog program involves seven libraries, which will be hooked up with terminals to the Stanford computer. PLAN, or Public Library Automation Network, is to include, besides SFPL: Santa Clara Public, L.A. City, L.A. County, Orange County, Marin County and Sutter County. Each library will be doing some different things with the program, depending on its own computer capability and needs. SFPL, not having any computerization of books or cataloging, will have a CRT (Cathode Ray Tube) terminal and a printer hooked up with the computer at Stanford, by which we can verify titles and do bibliographic checking for cataloging. Eventually, about January 1976, we will be able to receive catalog cards by just typing this information to the computer.

This will be a one-year program to check the feasibility of creating at on-line Statewide catalog of library holdings. This is a very good opportunity for our library to become acquainted with the use of computers. Since on-line computerization will undoubtedly be in common everyday usage throughout libraries within the next 20 years, we must gain the expertise needed in dealing with them or be passed by.

-- Jim Reilly

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Ms. Helen Cannon and Ms. Carolyn Kim, Children's Librarians, report that the Advisory Council of children at Chinatown Branch made special cards for author Beverly Cleary's birthday and received the following reply:

Dear Friends,

Never in my life have I ever received so many birthday cards! Thank you, thank you, thank you! I am delighted to know you enjoy my books so much that you made the cards for me. Handmade cards are the nicest kind, and I am glad some of you showed me how your names look in Chinese. It looks very difficult to write.

I am also glad to know you were happy that I won the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award. I am happy, too.

With love,

Beverly Cleary

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FROM THE O.C.S. (cont.)

Mrs. Jacqueline Smeeth, Children's Librarian, Bernal Branch, conducted a highly successful program for parents of pre-schoolers recently. "What Right has a Child?" and "Maurice Sendak" were the films shown. Using the word "experience" as her theme, Ms. Smeeth talked about books that showed the sensitivity and flexibility of good illustrators. After the program, parents had a half-hour to view the displays and check out books.

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An article in the May 9 Official Bulletin regarding the Bicentennial program, American Issues Forum, neglected to point out that Miss Effie Lee Morris, Coordinator, Children's Services, is chairman of the American Library Association's committee to develop lists of books, films, records, etc., for use in the Forum by millions of young people across the country.

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Dial-A-Story (626-6516)

"The Rooster and the Sun," a folktale from India, told by Ms. Linda Geistlinger, Early Childhood Specialist.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #14

May 23, 1975

RETROACTIVE PAY NOTICE:

In order to expedite the work on the retroactive timerolls, Miss Betty Williams and Miss Rita Fanucchi will be assigned to only the retroactive timerolls and regular payrolls. Each staff member can help by addressing any payroll questions you may have to either David Murphy or Lori Croskey until after June 30, 1975.

PART-TIME LIBRARIANS:

Dr. Starr and Mr. Murphy met with Mr. Grubb and Mr. Deluca of the Mayor's Office and have been assured that no one will be laid off because of budget cuts for the 1975-76 fiscal year. A total of 13 positions have been "de-funded" but these are presently vacant so that no one will be affected by losing their job. The positions which have been "de-funded" are:

1	1402	Jr. Clerk
1	1402	Jr. Clerk - Part-time
1	1444	Clerk Stenographer
1	2714	Janitor
6	3616	Library Tech. Assistant I
1	3618	Library Tech. Assistant II
1	3668	Assistant City Librarian
1	7416	Book Repairer

NEW PLACEMENT REQUESTS:

Anyone interested in the following position should send a written statement to Personnel by noon Wednesday, May 28.

Librarian I - CETA - Talking Books/Bookbridge Project

This position is one-half Talking Books and one-half Bookbridge. This librarian will be directing volunteers who will deliver library materials to home-bound patrons in the downtown area. For further information, contact Mr. Joe Sugg, 346-9273.

WELCOME TO: Miss Lisa Stone, Lib. Tech. Asst. I (CETA) Art & Music

FAREWELL TO: Mr. Niccolo Caldarare, Library Page, History Dept.
Mr. Darrell Edwards, Janitor (CETA), Main Library
Mr. John Bryant, Librarian I (CETA), Art & Music
Miss Carol Evans, Librarian I (CETA), Science Dept.
Mr. James Lee, Account Clerk (CETA), Secretary's Office

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Welcome back to Mary Landgraf, Librarian II, who has been temporarily assigned to the Ortega Branch.

NEW ASSIGNMENTS: (Effective June 1, 1975)

Mr. Thomas Noronha, Library Tech. Asst. I from Talking Books to Rare Books.
Miss Wanda Underhill, Library Tech. Asst. I from Rare Books to Merced.
Mrs. Lois Bailey, Library Tech. Asst. I from Merced to Talking Books.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Librarian III: Branch Librarian, $1038 - $1282. Will administer a large branch library currently under construction in Seaside. M.L.S. from accredited Library school and two years professional library work with at least one year in a supervisory capacity. Apply to: Branch Personnel Office, County Building, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, California, 93940. Applications will be accepted until a qualified applicant is selected.

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meetings Reestablished

The Advisory Council meetings and those of the Chiefs and Coordinators will, in the future, be combined into a single series of meetings to be known as the Advisory Council meetings.

The next meeting of the Advisory Council will be held in the Commission Room at 2:00 p.m. on June 10. Normally, Advisory Council meetings will be held every other Tuesday of each month--except on those Tuesdays when the Commission meets.

"O, This Sceptered Isle...This England..."

Ms. Anne Englund has been appointed Acting Curator of Rare Books.

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Dear Dr. Starr:

This letter is to express once again the satisfaction of all concerned in the new location of the Genealogical Section, on the second floor of the Library.

Also, our appreciation for the choice of Michael Martin as Librarian in charge of the Section. We are all hopeful that Michael can be retained permanently as Librarian. His interest, ability, and personality have already endeared him to those who use the collection for genealogical research.

For your information, I have mailed to Honorable Edward F. Callanan, Jr., President of the Library Commission, the report on books donated by various

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Patriotic Societies and interested individuals from 1961 to 1975 to the Genealogical Section.

Once again, my personal thanks, Dr. Starr, for your consideration and continuing interest.

Cordially,

Mrs. Andrew Ross

12TH ANNUAL CLINIC--LIBRARY APPLICATIONS OF DATA PROCESSING

Even though our Library hasn't as yet been involved with using computers for literature searching, this conference was very worthwhile in that much information was gained for decision making in the future. There were about 150 attendees from all over, including Canada, Australia, and Brazil. How to evaluate data base services, what is available, and the problems which might occur in their use were discussed over the three days.

Hearing viewpoints and discussion on various data bases and services which I had read about was useful, but a talk by Kenneth Dowlin of Wyoming and a demonstration of the PLATO system were the two parts that stand out for me. Dowlin explained how his library contracted with the county to provide an organization of county records--they filmed, processed, organized, and provided a computer index for all arrest, license and permit records. By doing this, the library showed that it could be the "interface" in providing an information service and it gained $50,000 worth of equipment (readers, processor, printers), six additional staff members, a systems analyst, and training in computer and microfilm technology. The PLATO system is a programmed learning system hooked to a computer from which many courses can be taught--from beginning reading to genetics and languages in colleges. It is a unique system utilizing a "plasma" screen, which can be touched to activate that portion of screen (difficult to describe but fun to work).

I had hoped to hear about more data bases, but in all, the conference gave me quita a lot of information to prepare for the day when we will have to face the problems associated with computer information retrieval.

I was able to visit the University of Illinois library and discussed reference and interlibrary loan problems with the staff at the central library. The University of Illinois with 5.5 million volumes (all in Dewey classification) has many of the same problems SFPL has. Their periodical budget, for example, was cut $220,000 (of course, they started with

$1 million). Talking with the interlibrary loan staff was worthwhile since they process about 64,000 requests a year and seem to do it fairly well. (Though they must walk at least 20-30 miles a day since the campus is so large.)

On leaving the conference, I went to the State Library in Springfield and discussed the CLSI circulation system with those directly involved with it. Their use of CLSI is somewhat different, but their experiences with input and the problems they have had gave me ideas on how to avoid or at least prepare to cope with them here. Illinois State Library is asking and CLSI is promising access to records by means of call number; this would be a boon for interlibrary loan searching and an easy access in case the book-key approach fails.

The main down point of the conference was a feeling of frustration I had that this library is so far behind in finances and in staff that we cannot give this extra service to people. Though it should not be an "extra" service, the library should be the center for information, but we cannot even handle the normal work now. It would be foolish to search, give a person a bibliography with abstracts, and then when he asks for the material, tell him we cannot find it or it hasn't been processed yet. However, eventually as we get more involved with BALLOTS, New York Times Information Bank, and possibly DIALOG, the information gained will be very useful.

--Jim Reilly

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Miss Effie Lee Morris, Children's Coordinator, participated in the program "The Administrator and the Children's Librarian" at the May 23 meeting of the Public Library Executives of Central California (PLECC) at Napa City-County Public Library. Her topic was "Where the Child Fits into the Pattern of Library Services."

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Dial-A-Story (626-6516)

"Why the Sun and the Moon Live in the Sky," an African tale, told by Mrs. Grace Ruth, Early Childhood Specialist.

"GIVE BLOOD...IT WAS MEANT TO CIRCULATE"

A special mobile unit from Irwin Memorial Blood Bank will visit City Hall on Wednesday, June 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The need for blood is a critical and continuing one. The supply received each day barely covers the Blood Bank's daily demands. Last night, May 27, for example, the Blood Bank closed with only 13 pints of Type O blood on hand. A typical unit of blood sits on shelf no longer than six hours.

You may designate yourself, your family, a friend, the Library staff or any other group as recipient of your donation. Kaiser members may donate through Irwin Blood Bank to your account with Kaiser and thus insure yourself and your family for a full year for all blood needed.

For an appointment please see or call David Murphy, Personnel (3331) or Joy Melvin, Literature Department (3511).

Please give to this truly worthy cause. It costs you nothing and you may save a life.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #15

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CHANGES IN THE 1975-76 SALARY STANDARDIZATION ORDINANCE

Several changes have been made in the new ordinance effective July 1, 1975 which will effect Library operations.

1. Section II, Work Schedules, Sub-section (F)
"Employees of the Public Library Department may, on a voluntary basis, work a 40-hour week in six days".

2. Section IV, Additional Compensation, Sub-section (B)
"Night Duty is any work performed after 6 p.m. or prior to 6 a.m. Employees whose compensations are fixed on a bi-weekly or monthly basis shall be paid 6-1/4 percent more than the base hourly rate for work performed during night duty hours." Therefore on the timesheets reporting hours of work after July 1, 1975, premium pay circled in red shall be only the hours after 6 p.m. (or before 6 a.m.). Staff members working noon to 5 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. will be reported as 5 hours regular pay and 3 hours premium pay.

3. Sub-section (E), Interpreter-Translator Pay
"Full-time employees who are assigned by their department to a designated bilingual position may be granted additional compensation of $10 bi-weekly. A "designated bilingual position" is one approved by the Civil Service Commission by July 1, 1975 related to the public service function of the department and requiring translating to and from a foreign language, including sign language, as used by the deaf, a minimum of 20 hours per month."

   As soon as San Francisco Public Library is notified as to what "designated bilingual positions" are approved, they will be listed in the Official Bulletin and each individual will be notified personally regarding bilingual pay. Such pay was increased from $6.90 bi-weekly to $10.00 bi-weekly.

4. Section V, Overtime Compensation, Sub-section (B)
"Employees occupying executive, administrative, or professional positions designated by a "Z" symbol in the Annual Salary Ordinance shall not be paid for overtime worked but may be granted compensatory time off at the rate of one-and-one-half times for time worked in excess of normal work schedules."

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NEW PLACEMENT REQUESTS:

Anyone interested in the following positions should send a written statement to Personnel by noon Wednesday, June 4.

Library Tech. Asst. I - BARC
Librarian I - BARC - (full-time)

FAREWELL TO: Carolynn Kim, Librarian I (CETA), Chinatown Branch.

LIBRARIAN I EXAMINATION:

All staff members who have applied for the 3630 examination should have received their notice of examination appointment. If you have not, please call Betty Williams in the Personnel Office on Monday, June 2.

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LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advisory Council Meeting

There will be an Advisory Council meeting on Tuesday, June 10, in the Commission Room. Please have agenda items to Griff Stokes by 3:00 p.m., June 9.

PW Wanted

If anyone has an unwanted copy of Publisher's Weekly for May 19, 1975, please contact David Belch (558-4010).

From the Land of CVRP

"Political Feedback, Part 2," originally scheduled for Friday, June 20, 1975, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lurie Room, has been postponed until September. Political consciousness regarding San Francisco's mayoral race is very low at the moment, and it is hoped that by September people will be more interested in addressing the candidates via videotape. Please remove all flyers regarding the program from the branches.

On June 16, 1975, CVRP will be putting on a program of videotapes produced by Craig Schiller and Joel Hermann over Community Action Television, Channel 6, at 8:30 p.m.

And on June 23, CVRP is producing a program on cable television in San Francisco in cooperation with the CATV Task Force, currently chaired by Roberto Esteves. The program will be aired at 8:30 p.m.

June Issue of *American Libraries* Features SFPLers

The current issue of American Libraries has a quote from City Librarian Kevin Starr regarding the appointment of Dr. Daniel Boorstin as Librarian of Congress. The item says: "Kevin Starr, a young scholar who added the library degree to

...American Libraries Features SFPL'ers (cont.)

his credentials after his appointment as San Francisco Librarian, had 'ambivalent' feelings about the nomination: pleasure that a scholar of high stature would be brought into LC, and apprehension concerning the unique library problems that would face him." Yet another item, headed "West Coast Publishing: What is the Difference?" gives the news that Dr. Starr will be a "colorful keynoter" at a panel on West Coast publishing as part of ALA on July 3.

An article on shopping and things to do in San Francisco for ALA delegates was authored by Gil McNamee and Anne Kincaid (and a picture of them appears as part of the article).

Gil McNamee's name appears again as an alternate in a proposed ALA-sponsored tour of the People's Republic of China in 1976.

Rare Books Department Gets Distinguished Academic

Tom Noronha, who is currently attending library school at San Jose State, was recently appointed a cataloguer in the Rare Books room. Mr. Noronha, who is 32 years old, was born in Calcutta, where he resided until he was seven. He attended St. Ignatius High School in San Francisco and Yale University, where he graduated magna cum laude and was selected for Phi Beta Kappa. He also served as assistant to the Periodicals Librarian at Yale's Sterling Memorial Library. Noronha attended Stanford Graduate School, and received his Ph.D. in English in 1971.

From 1970 to 1972 Noronha served as assistant professor of English at Saginaw Valley College in Michigan; and for the past year and a half has worked at the SFPL, serving at the Richmond and Anza branches, Talking Books, and now Rare Books. His chief interests are literature and foreign languages, and he has a reading knowledge of a number of foreign languages including French, German, Latin, Greek, and Icelandic.

Literature Department Produces "Beat" Bibliography

A bibliography of San Francisco's "beat" writers has been produced by Sue Robinson of the Main Library's Literature Department. The bibliography contains the books, held by the SFPL, of 26 writers of this period. Both books by these authors and books about them are included. Congratulations to Sue Robinson and the Literature Department for a job well done.

GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

Dear Mr. Morales:

A short note to express the Society's thanks for the excellent service, sincere interest and friendly personnel of your library. All combined to make our recent trip to San Francisco a memorable one. By far, the most successful undertaken so far. Our deep appreciation to you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Nancy Kerr
Corresponding Secretary
Fresno Genealogical Society

Dear C.E. Editor:

I think it is disgraceful that our retroactive pay hasn't come through yet. Virtually every other city department has already received their pay already. Why is our personnel department so delinquent in handling this matter? If the current staff there can't handle it, why doesn't the city librarian get some that can?

Impatient and Broke

(Ed. Comment: The growth in the staff of the SFPL during the past few months has put a great strain on the Personnel Department. Be patient.)

GALLIMAUFRY

From the Holland Herald, Vol. 10, No. 3 (submitted by Hella Rains, Catalogue Department):

The Erasmus University in Rotterdam rues the day it ever employed a robot in the library.

Five years ago the university introduced an "automatic assistant" costing in the region of 1 million guilders ($400,000). According to the manufacturer it would select and serve any book in the library within a minute. But it has caused pandemonium.

First, the university has problems to persuade the metal monster to do anything at all. Finally,

GALLIMAUFRY (cont.)

in gear, it kept hurling books into the air.

Part of the system involves requested volumes being automatically placed on a conveyor belt for delivery. But the belt ran so fast the books never made the bends, flying off to be damaged or lost.

The final straw came the night it took to walking in its sleep--and crashed. The only answer, it was decided, was a refit for the computer, and the project was suspended for an indefinite period.

At least it was comfort for a nostalgic professor writing in the university magazine, Quod Novum. He recalled the good old days of human library assistants "with tears in my eyes."

SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION SEMINAR ON NETWORKING

Acronyms were the rule of the day at the recent Special Libraries Association seminar "Networks and On-Line Searching by and for Librarians." I went hoping to learn more about the networks and on-line systems and how they might affect SFPL, and I came away with a satisfying overview of networks and the technology that is available for library reference work.

The morning was spent on lectures about the networks of the national, state, and local levels. The keynote speaker was Joseph Becker, a commissioner of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS), who discussed the various types and examples of networks and the trends of library service. His talk was a good definition of networks and provided a base for the rest of the day's seminar. State networks were the subject of Gerald Newton of the State Library. He outlined the basics of networking again, but emphasized the role of the California State Library as a network for this state. The representatives of local networks discussed the fundamentals of their systems. Included were the Cooperative Information Network, BALLOTS, and Gil McNamee of BARC.

The afternoon session was devoted to on-line searching, first with an overview and evaluation by librarians who use on-line systems, and then description and discussion on specific on-line data bases, of which NY Information Bank, ERIC, and MEDLINE are examples. One talk of this session which particularly interested SFPL attendants was that by Scotty

SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION...(cont.)

McEwen of San Jose Public Library. She reported on SJPL's experiences with DIALOG, the Lockheed on-line system which was offered to our library.

My overall impression from the seminar is that networking and especially on-line searching will have to affect SFPL soon. Costs will be only one handicap; major among other considerations for having on-line searching is the preparation of librarians and other staff to do the searches. Hewlett-Packard librarian Mark Baer stressed the fact that one cannot maximize the use of on-line searching unless one has a good facility with the data base in hard printed form in the first place. This is a point which must be considered if SFPL wants to bring in on-line searching, especially something like DIALOG, which includes Chemical Abstracts and Biological Abstracts in its data base.

It was an educational seminar, and the speakers did well in deciphering and explaining the acronyms of the different systems. My favorite acronym, however is the one offered by Joseph Becker: ACORN - Acronym Oriented Nut.

--Christina Gee

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Mrs. Jeri Neiman, Children's Librarian at Richmond Branch, received the following letter from the mother of one of her graduate pre-schoolers.

Dear Mrs. Nieman,

Just a short note to tell you how much Catherine enjoyed her story hour. We both appreciate the time and preparation you put into the program.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Beverly Smith

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Two sixth-grade girls who were selecting biographies of famous women for a school assignment at the Sunset Branch Children's Room got very excited because of the many biographies that the library had on women. They told Miss Mary Jane Brown, Children's Librarian, that they were going to invite the male chauvinist of the class over to see how many there were, since he claimed there weren't any famous women.

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Dial-A-Story (626-6516)

Mrs. Linda Geistlinger, Early Childhood Specialist, will tell some tongue twisters and talk about the GREAT SAN FRANCISCO READIN', the 1975 Summer Reading Program.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #16

June 6, 1975

GIVE BLOOD - IT WAS MEANT TO CIRCULATE!

The Blood Bank Unit will be in City Hall on Wednesday, June 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Blood Bank reserves are extremely low and all those who can give are urged to help at this time. If you are unable to give on Wednesday, please contact Miss Joy Melvin at 558-3511 to arrange transportation to the Blood Bank for a later date. Your gift may save a life.

N.Y.C. PROGRAM - 1975:

The N.Y.C. Program is under the direction of Mr. Derrald Etheley. He will be assisted by Mr. W. Flynn. The program begins on June 16 and will run through August 17. All N.Y.C. workers may work 20 hours per week. For further information, please call either Mr. Etheley or Mr. Flynn at 558-3830. Their office is located next to the Newspaper Room, 3rd Floor, Main Library.

C.E.T.A. EMPLOYEES - Time Off For Job Interviews:

The C.E.T.A. office has now agreed that in line with the intent of the program to return people to permanent employment, they will make allowances for time off with pay for verified job interviews. No more than four hours per week will be allowed, and a written statement from the prospective employer must verify that the appointment was kept and the amount of time needed for the interview.

C.E.T.A. PROGRAM - REASSIGNMENT:

The C.E.T.A. program has been in operation for six months and the orientation program is completed. Therefore, Miss Lori Croskey has been reassigned to the Science Department.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Librarian - ($939-$1169); Candidates who have a Master's degree and are appointed to regular positions will receive a starting salary of $991 per month. The duties include library services to patrons of all age groups, including reader guidance, reference work, book reviewing, and the processing of books and other library materials. The requirements are a Master's degree or comparable fifth-year degree in Library Science. Applications may be filed in Room 100, City Hall South, 111 East First Street, Los Angeles, or in Room 101, Van Nuys Branch City Hall. Filing may be closed without prior notice at any time after June 10, 1975. If you meet the educational requirements, you will be scheduled to take the interview at the earliest possible date.

Senior Librarian -($1106-$1379) The duties include supervising a group of professional, subprofessional, and clerical library employees and performing the more difficult professional library work. They may also require serving as staff specialist in adult, young adult, and children's library work. The requirements are a Master's degree or comparable fifth-year degree in Library Science and two years of full-time paid professional library work as a librarian. Candidates who have at least one and one-half years of the required experience may file for this examination. However, they may not be appointed until the full two years of experience has been completed. Applications must be received in Room 100, City Hall South, 111 East First Street, or in Room 101, Van Nuys Branch City Hall, by Monday, June 16, 1975.

REPORTING OVERTIME EARNED - 1975-76

As stated in the last Personnel Notes, overtime earned by those entitled to compensatory time off will be credited on a time and one-half basis for all overtime worked after July 1, 1975. In reporting any such time worked or used, please report only the actual hours worked and the actual hours used. The Personnel Office will compute your actual hours worked by time and one-half and credit your account accordingly. Overtime worked for pay will be reported on the same basis.

LIBRARIAN GUILD ELECTION: JUNE 19th & 20th:

All Librarians I, II, & III will have an opportunity to vote for the organization they wish to represent them in future employer-employee relations. It should be noted that the law states that the majority of employees who vote will decide what representation they will have in the future. Librarians I & II have been assigned to the Professional Unit and Librarians III are assigned to the Supervisory Unit. Librarians will be allowed to vote on the following days at the designated locations:

June 19	1:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Commissioners Room, Main Library
June 20	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	West Portal Branch
June 20	11:00 - 12:00 p.m.	Excelsior Branch
June 20	4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Richmond Branch

If you have further questions, please contact Miss Pral of the Employee Relations Division, telephone number 558-5417.

The ordinance (No. 409-73) reads in part as follows: Section 16.211

"(C) ... MERP (Municipal Employees Relations Panel) shall, within (30) thirty days of the filing of the initial request for recognition, cause to be conducted a secret ballot election within the representation unit to determine which organization, if any, shall be recognized.

(D) The ballot in any such election shall contain the choice of 'no organization.' Where there are three or more choices and no one receives a majority of the valid ballots cast, a run-off election shall be conducted between the two choices receiving the largest number of ballots cast.

(E) Employees entitled to vote in a representation election shall be those employees within the representation unit with permanent or permanent limited tenure status whose names appear on the last payroll immediately prior to the establishing of a date for the election.

(F) There shall be no more than one valid representation election in a twelve (12) month period within the same representation unit."

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LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mea Culpa Department

Last week we reported that Sue Robinson in the Literature Department had done a stunning job in preparing a bibliography of the holdings by the SFPL in the "beat" writers. The editor must admit that he was anticipating seeing a double feature at a local theatre that evening: "Carnal Knowledge" and "The Graduate." Thus, the name "Robinson" was floating in this editorial head.

To Ms. Sue Rockwell of the Literature Department, to whom kudos should go for this bibliographical achievement, I apologize; and offer congratulations to the same Ms. Rockwell. "And here's to you, Ms. Rockwell, Jesus loves you more than you will know. Ho, ho, ho."

Painting Available

A 19" x 25" pastel on black velvet by a San Quentin prisoner is available for display in a branch library. The painting portrays the artist's view of justice in America. Interested branch librarians, please contact Ms. Karen Scannell.

Keep Patrons Off Catalog Telephones

The Catalog Department urgently requests that, in the interests of public service, librarians do not refer library patrons to Catalog Department telephones for branch holdings or other service. Catalog staff members often do not have necessary information or training for helping patrons directly. Telephone inquiries are assumed always to be "internal" calls from public service staff members.

Committee Call

"Committees to work on implementation of CLSI, Ballots, and the tattle tape system are being set up. I am looking for

Committee Call (cont.)

a branch representative to serve on each committee. If you are interested in any of the three committees, please call me." --Karen Scannell.

Staff Invited to Black Bibliography Reception

The staff of the SFPL is invited to a reception honoring James DeT. Abajian, compiler of Blacks and Their Contribution to the American West, a landmark bibliography on the subject. It will be held in the Commission Room of the Main Library on Monday, June 30, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

West Portal Community Meeting

Between 150 and 200 persons attended a community meeting sponsored by the Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association and the West Portal Branch. Mrs. Roberts and Mr. Connolly described the library services, and representatives from other city agencies discussed and answered questions about neighborhood problems. Supervisors Molinari and Mendelsohn also attended and answered questions. It was an excellent community meeting, with the library getting maximum exposure.

Mission Branch Reopens

The following are excerpts from Mr. William Laughrey's description of the branch reopening: "The Mission Branch staff has learned a new meaning for 'from dust to dust'....It soon became obvious that public service under these circumstances was not advisable, but prudence tempered our decision to maintain limited service....Our 'Rube Goldberg' approach to library service is hopefully coming to an end in the next four or five weeks..."

Fetros Published

The June issue of The Practical Lawyer includes the feature "Concurrences and Dissents," an article of John Fetros' on lawyers and the public library.

Pinky Whitaker Retires

From Vivian Goodwin: "Our sweet, even-tempered Senior Book Repairer is retiring after 25 years of service to this library. From 1950 to 1963 she had a 'traveling job,' with a different location every day. All branch book repair work was done at the branches, and the book repairers visited each

Pinky Whitaker Retires (cont.)

branch in turn. They came about once every two weeks, and on this day the branch librarians learned much of their news of the main library and other branches. This regular visit and the daily branch delivery were almost the only links of communication we had. There was also the aroma of hot glue melting in the iron glue pots which one can hardly forget.

"Pinky has found it rewarding work through all the years. By her own statement she has enjoyed every year and all the personal friendships she has made. On November 23, 1963, the traveling ceased. The Book Repair Section had been centralized and re-located in the Catalog Department. This is a much smaller area than where she started, which was in the large, cavernous, unfinished space now transformed into the Science Department.

"Her promotion to Senior Book Repairer came in 1972; and we wish we could have her kindliness and assistance as supervisor of the Book Repair Bindery and Processing Section much longer, but the time has come for well-earned retirement.

"We wish her leisure and enjoyment with her family and grandchildren in the years to come."

Chinese Treasures

Mary Ashe, Art and Music Department, has made special arrangements for two groups of staff members to visit the Exhibition of Archaeological Finds of the People's Republic of China at the Asian Art Museum. The exhibit may be viewed before the museum is open to the general public.

Date and times are: Tuesday, July 22, 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, July 23, 9:30 a.m.

This will be a self-tour with no guide involved, and it will take about 1-1/2 hours to see the exhibit. We are limited to 25 persons per group.

Any Branch staff members who wish to participate on their own time may sign up by sending a note to Mrs. Scannell, Chief of Branches.

Main Library staff should contact the Office of Chief of Main.

QUESTION ON MYLAR COVERS (FROM SUNSET CLUSTER)

For the past two years, Branch Librarians have consistently requested sufficient supplies of mylar covers and attaching tape to maintain collections.

The cost of books is rising. The minimal cost of mylar covers which make the books more attractive and durable is small in comparison. Another consideration is the branch binding budget which has been greatly reduced. In short, the collections are rapidly deteriorating and our question is, why have the Librarians' priorities been ignored?

Since we know other Librarians have this question, may we see the answer in the Official Bulletin?

Yours in mutual concern,

John Coll
Glenda Hooper
Dorothy Richard
Kay Roberts
Anne Schofield

Answer from Karen Scannell: Mylar covers, attaching tape, pencils, envelopes, transaction slips and many other items are purchased with funds from our Materials and Supplies account. Although the library has continually sought increases for this fund, the amount allowed in our budget has been decreasing. Less money and higher prices mean fewer supplies of all kinds, including mylar covers.

LIBRARIAN ELECTION

Dear Mr. Starr:

Pursuant to Section 16.211.2 of the Employer-Employee Relations Ordinance, an election is to be held to determine a representative organization for certain designated employee classifications within your department.

In order to comply with this section, please allow all permanent and permanent limited tenure employees in the following classifications sufficient time off to vote in the elections scheduled for June 19, 1975, and June 20, 1975:

3630	Librarian I	3632	Librarian II
3632A	Librarian II - Fine Arts	3644	City Archivist
3632B	Librarian II - Asian Art	3658	Medical Librarian

Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

Cordially,

Jean Pral
Principal Personnel Analyst
Employee Relations Div., City Hall

An Open Letter to All Permanent Librarians 3630 and 3632

As you may know, you are entitled by City law to vote in a secret ballot election next week which will have a major impact on your status as Civil Service employees.

The election is being held to determine if you wish to be represented in negotiation with the City over the wages you'll be receiving, the number of hours you work in a week, fringe benefits you may desire (overtime and holiday pay, extended health benefits, paid educational leave, etc.) and your working conditions. By voting for the Librarians' Guild of CSA-Local 400, the only labor organization which petitioned to be on the ballot, you will be making certain that librarians have a real voice in these vital issues. The ballot will also include the category: "No Organization."

What does "No Organization" mean? It means that if a majority of librarians vote for "No Organization," we will have no one to negotiate on our behalf with the City over our wages, hours and working conditions. The City would then decide all these matters unilaterally, without having to consult any of us.

The City ordinance under which the election is being held does not require that you join the Librarians' Guild if you vote to be represented by it. You need only be a permanent librarian 3630 or 3632, and you must also vote in person. The City ordinance mandates that your supervisor allow you time to vote.

I urge you to make every effort to have your interests protected through the secret ballot. If you have any questions, please call me, Sally Houston and Pat Hall, stewards, or any other Guild officer or steward (see O.B., January 17, 1975 - page 6).

Respectfully yours,

Dan Tatko
President, Librarians' Guild

Note: Time and Place of Elections:

Thursday, June 19	*Main Library, Commission Room*	*1:30-3:00 pm*
	Richmond Branch	*4:00-5:00 pm*
Friday, June 20	*West Portal Branch*	*9:00-10:00 am*
	Excelsior Branch	*11:00-12:00 am*

SUMMARY OF JUNE COMMISSION MEETING - 6/3/75

-- Ms. Nancy Pelosi was introduced as a new Library Commissioner.

-- Mr. Cerasi reported that the air ventilation project for 45 Hyde Street will begin soon; also improved lighting for the Anza Branch.

-- The Friends announced that there will be a Summer Fiction Book Sale on June 26.

-- The Friends gave a gift of $4,500 to the Library to use for alterations of a storage room to house the News-Call Bulletin morgue.

-- The Commission voted to authorize James Reilly and Christina Gee to attend the Special Libraries Association Seminar on Networks and On-Time Searching, at the Edgewater Hyatt House, Oakland (May 19).

-- The Commission voted to authorize William Ramirez and Griffith Stokes to attend the ALA Pre-Conference Institute in San Francisco (June 26-28).

-- The Commission voted to oppose a proposed City Charter amendment which excludes public officers from the provision that boards and commissions have the power to hold executive sessions to consider appointment, employment or dismissal of an employee, and providing that the appointment of members to certain boards and commissions be subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Miss Effie Lee Morris, Children's Coordinator, appeared on the KEST morning Radio Talk Show on Monday, June 9, with John Crosby, former radio and television critic and author of the recently published An Affair of Strangers. Miss Morris announced the Summer Reading Program, "Great San Francisco Readin'", and spoke of Children's Services and Children's Librarians in a realistic manner.

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Bicentennial Reading, Viewing, Listening, a selected list of children's materials designed for use with the American Issues Forum--compiled by Miss Effie Lee Morris, Chairperson, and her nationwide committee of Children's Librarians--has just been published by the American Library Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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FROM THE O.C.S. (cont.)

Mrs. Celia Brockenbrough, Children's Librarian, and the Advisory Council of children of Waden Branch have just published the third issue of the children's newspaper, Harambee. A section of original stories written by the children, entitled "The Stories Out of Our Minds," is a special feature of this issue.

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At 5:45 p.m. one Friday afternoon, when the closing bell was rung at North Beach Branch, Mrs. Beth Beerbohm, Children's Librarian, saw a small boy race over to his older brother, yelling,"Come on--hurry! The library's time is up!"

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Dial-A-Story (626-6516)

Something different this week! Mrs. Linda Geistlinger, Early Childhood Specialist, will tell listeners how they can evaluate Dial-A-Story.

Extra!!! Read About the Real San Francisco

Be sure to read "Exploration San Francisco: Let the Children be Your Guides," the lead article in the Top of the News, June issue--out this week. Top of the News is the official publication of the Children's Services Division and the Young Adult Services Division of the American Library Association. The article was written by a committee of San Francisco Public Children's Librarians, and drawings by San Francisco children have been reproduced.

Miss Effie Lee Morris, Children's Coordinator, is receiving calls from across the country, complimenting the Children's Librarians on this article. Don't miss it!

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Mrs. Akilimali Funua
c/o Waden Library Branch

Dear Mrs. Funua:

I would like to express my appreciation for your outstanding performance and the generous time you took to participate in our Black History Week Celebration, at Dr. Charles R. Drew School. I hope

you can do the same for us in 1976.

The artifacts and materials which you loaned to me were a great help in showing the children the arts and crafts of Africa.

Thank you for being our friend, besides a community resource person.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Florence Chang
Resource Teacher

Dear Kevin Starr:

I just wanted to take this opportunity to let you know how much I have enjoyed the Poetry series at the Noe Valley Library, run by a young woman named Roberta.

The readings have been an especially valuable program for me and my friends.

Please encourage this kind of activity in our public libraries so that they can become cultural centers as well as depositories of volumes.

Thank you again, and keep this going.

Sincerely,

Art Bontempi

FRIENDS VOTE MONEY TO S.F.P.L.

At the June 4 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Friends, the following budget items were approved: grants to OAS, OCS, and the City Librarian for special programs and activities: $5,000; scholarship funds: $700; FREE publication for 12 months; $12,500; audio-visual equipment for the library: $3,117.33; contingency fund for use in promoting the San Francisco Public Library: $6,234.66.

A committee will be established to consider all suggestions for library promotion. The ideas already submitted will automatically be reconsidered by the Friends.

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The Vagaries of Book Selection

Who knows how a book ordered by the SFPL will be received? Fads and popularity are fleeting things; and those which prompt the public to read certain books are no different. For example, the book Che Guevara on Guerilla Warfare was ordered in some quantity: 22 copies in the Main Library and other holdings in thirteen branches. All copies have been stolen, and are no longer circulating. On the other hand, the eleven copies of Impeachment: a Handbook--one of the publishing products of the Watergate scandal--sit on the shelves unused and unread.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #13

Employee Representation for Librarian I and Librarian II

On June 19 and 20, Librarians I and Librarians II will have an opportunity to decide if they wish to have Librarians Guild, CSA Local 400 represent them and, if they prefer, no organization.

This election is being held under the direction of MERP (Municipal Employees Relations Panel) in accordance with Ordinance 409-73 governing employer-employee relations.

Only permanent Librarians I and II will be allowed to vote at this time. (Librarians III are in the Supervisory Unit and they will be notified when elections are set up for them).

The dates and times of voting for Librarians I and II are as follows:

June 19	1:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Commission Room,	Main Library
" "	4:00 - 5:00 p.m.		Richmond Branch
June 20	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.		West Portal Branch
" "	11:00 - 12 noon		Excelsior Branch

Remember that all-permanent Librarians I and Librarians II may vote and that the majority of the valid ballots cast will determine if "no organization" or if Local 400 will represent Librarians I and Librarians II.

VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE

Form MERP-2

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RELATIONS PANEL

NOTICE OF SECRET BALLOT ELECTION

Case No: 4-RR-74-3

PURPOSE OF ELECTION

An election by secret ballot will be conducted, under the supervision of the Municipal Employees Relations Panel among the eligible voters described herein, to determine the representative, if any, desired by them.

SECRET BALLOT

The election will be by SECRET ballot. Voters will be allowed to vote without interference, restraint, or coercion. Electioneering will not be permitted at or near the polling place. Violations of these rules should be reported immediately to the Election Agent.

An Election Agent will hand a ballot to each eligible voter at the voting place. The voter will then mark his ballot in secret in a voting booth and fold it. The voter will then personally deposit the folded ballot in a ballot box under the supervision of the Election Agent. A majority of the valid ballots cast will determine the results of the election.

BINDING RESULTS

The results of this Secret Ballot Election shall be binding on all participating parties.

In the event no representative obtains a majority vote, the question of representation cannot be raised for a period of one year from the date of issuance of the results of the Election

THIS IS THE ONLY OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THIS SECRET BALLOT ELECTION

Department or Agency:

See Attachment A

Employee Organization(s):

LIBRARIANS GUILD CSA-400

VOTING UNIT

Unit 8

Included: 3630, 3632, 3632A, 3632B, 3644 and 3658

Excluded: All others

AUTHORIZED OBSERVERS

Each of the interested parties may designate not more than two observers. These observers will: (a) act as checkers at the voting place and at the counting of ballots; (b) assist in the identification of voters; (c) challenge voters and ballots; and (d) otherwise assist the Election Agent.

CHALLENGE OF VOTERS

The challenge of a voter MUST be made before the voter has deposited his ballot in the ballot box.

ELIGIBILITY RULES

Those persons whose names are included on the eligibility list determined by the Panel shall be eligible to vote in this election

INFORMATION CONCERNING
SECRET BALLOT ELECTION

Any employee who desires to obtain any further information concerning the terms and conditions under which this election is to be held or who desires to raise any question concerning the holding of the election, the voting unit, or eligibility rules may do so by communicating with:

MUNCIPAL EMPLOYEES RELATIONS PANEL
ADDRESS: 1182 Market Street; Orpheum Building
Suite 306
CITY: San Francisco, CA 94102
TELEPHONE: (415) 558-5778

DATE, TIME, AND PLACE
OF ELECTION

See Attachment B

A sample
ballot
affixed
hereto

Attachment A - Department or Agency

Public Library

City Attorney's Office

Hetch Hetchy

De Young Museum

De Young Museum - Center for Asian Art

Department of Public Health - San Francisco General Hospital

Department of Public Health - Community Mental Health
Bay Mental Health Center

Attachment B - Date, Time and Place of Election

June 19, 1975

Public Library - Main Branch 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Civic Center, Commission Room 3rd Floor

Public Library - Richmond Branch 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
351 9th Avenue, Staff Room

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Public Library - West Portal Branch 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
190 Lenox Way, Main Room

Public Library - Excelsior Branch 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
4400 Mission Street, Meeting Room

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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RELATIONS PANEL

O F I C I A L S E C R E T B A L L O T

FOR EMPLOYEES OF
Unit #8

LIBRAIRAN I	3630
LIBRARIAN II, FINE ARTS	3632A
LIBRARIAN	3632B
LIBRARIAN II	3632
CITY ARCHIVIST	3644
MEDICAL LIBRARIAN	3653

Do you wish to be represented in your employment relations by:

LIBRARIANS GUILD - CSA, LOCAL 400, SEIU

OR

NO ORGANIZATION

MARK AN "X" IN THE SQUARE OF YOUR CHOICE

LIBRARIANS GUILD - CSA, LOCAL 400, SEIU ☐

NO ORGANIZATION ☐

DO NOT SIGN THIS BALLOT. Fold and drop in ballot box. If you spoil this ballot, return it to the Election Agent for a new one.

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LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Order to Cease and Desist

The Xerox machine in the Order Department has been heavily used this past year, and there is not enough money available to continue use at the same rate. Until further notice, it is being reserved for Order Department and Catalog Department use. Please use the copier in the Secretary's Office for all other library copywork; or use the mimeograph. And even carbon paper may be a cheaper solution.

Advisory Council Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Advisory Council at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24, in the Office of the Librarian. Submit all agenda items to Griff Stokes by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, June 23.

ALA Reception

"Plans are shaping up for the reception on June 29 following the first session of the ALA Convention. Many staff members are still needed to serve as bartenders (pouring wine) and host-persons. If we have not heard from you, let us have your name now so that you can receive instructions and get your assignment. All staff who volunteer their services will receive a free pass to the convention exhibits as well as a chance to enjoy all of the entertainment surprises we have in store for you. Help us make this party one that ALA will remember. Notify Anne Kincaid, OAS; Gil McNamee, BARC; or Roberto Esteves, CVRP, if you can help on the evening of the party."

--Anne Kincaid

(The entire staff of the O.B. urges you to volunteer to be a host-person.)

And Your Young Men Shall See Visions...

"On June 27, SFPL participated with 11 other agencies in Vision Awareness Day, a community event coordinated by the National Association for the Visually Handicapped. We displayed our PELCO Visual Aid System (closed circuit television screen magnifying print from 8 to 40 times, depending on the user's requirements), a Talking Book machine with some sample Talking Books, and large print books. Many of the senior citizens attending this event at the Jewish Community Center expressed interest in the Library's activities and picked up our brochures. Our participation was made possible by the assistance of Joe Sugg, Bill Ramirez, and Al Campos (and the Engineer's staff) for transporting the equipment."

--Cilda Turitz

Get on Dolly's Case

Any branch or department having a spare case not needed until July 5, please contact Dolly Bocobo-Balunsat (558-3191).

Display for Branches

Any branch desiring a display of plants of the Bay Area and information on how to use them as natural dyes--an exhibit which includes samples of the plants, detailed explanations, yarn died from plants--please contact Gloria Hanson (Marina Branch), 346-9336.

Display for Branches II

Any branch desiring superb material for a bicentennial exhibit of American Revolution manuscripts and graphic material, please contact John Kenney (558-4927).

Friends' Book Sale

A one-day fiction book sale will be held by the Friends on Thursday, June 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Lurie Room.

Women's Book Luncheon Honors Margaret McElderry

The San Francisco chapter of the Women's National Book Association will host a luncheon honoring Margaret McElderry, children's book editor and winner of the Constance Lindsay Skinner Award for 1975, on June 29. For further information, call 621-0837.

General Reference Librarian Wins Patron's Good Will Check

Several months ago Mr. John J. Boyle of San Francisco had occasion to seek extensive research aid from the SFPL's General Reference Department. He received such excellent service that he sent the Library a gift of $100, asking that it be "raffled off" among those who answer the telephones in General Reference. The "raffle" recently took place; and the winner was Keith Brehmer, a CETA librarian who has been with the SFPL for six months. By an extraordinary coincidence, Mr. Brehmer was also the librarian who aided Mr. Boyle.

"I'm only sorry that I couldn't reward all the members of the department," said Mr. Boyle. "They all deserve it."

Ms Effie Lee Morris Elected to High ALA Office

Children's Coordinator Ms. Effie Lee Morris has been elected to the Council of the American Libraries Association for a four-year term. The staff of the San Francisco Public Library offers its heartiest congratulations to Ms. Morris on this great honor.

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To Dr. Kevin Starr:

Dear Colleague--

Just a note of appreciation of your SF piece in LJ. True things strongly said.

Wish our paths would cross, hopefully over here this coming year. I never go to ALA any more--not since 1965.

Good luck

Lawrence Clark Powell

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

All available Summer Reading materials have been distributed. Supplies received in the branches are the full quantity.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES (cont.)

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Noe Valley Branch recently participated in a neighborhood fair sponsored by the Noe Valley Cooperative Nursery. Branch staff made a bright, eye-catching exhibit displaying program flyers, book jackets and picture books. Library card applications were available. Mrs. Margaret Jehu, Children's Librarian, read to children several times throughout the day.

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Dial-A-Story (626-6516)

"The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse," from Aesop's Fables, told by Miss Karen Jing, Early Childhood Specialist.

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Miss Karen Jing, Early Childhood Specialist, has been elected to membership in Beta Phi Mu, the Honorary Library Fraternity, and will be initiated during the American Library Association Conference.

PAGE HOURS: MEMORANDUM FROM MS. GOODWIN TO PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

I regret to inform you that as of this date there remain only sufficient funds in the Page and Part-time Librarian Account to carry us until June 20.

Therefore you are directed to reduce your page and part-time librarian expenditures by one-half, effective no later than Tuesday, 17 June 1975, and extending through Monday, 30 June 1975. In so doing I would ask that you do this in an equitable manner, making every reasonable effort to keep all staff members working.

Every effort was made to secure supplemental funding amounting to $29,458, which would have carried us to June 30. However, we were granted only $20,000.

This reduction is in effect through June 30 only.

SUGGESTION I

The wooden doors in front of the Main Library look fine with their new finish; unfortunately, they can't be seen when they are opened. How about cleaning up the general appearance inside the front doors by polishing all that metal on and around the glass doors, and improving the signs that litter the doors. The garish NOW OPEN SUNDAYS sign could probably be removed also, since it's been up almost six months.

SUGGESTION II

If a reception is going to be held in the Main Library during ALA, why has the rotunda been crowded with that godawful UN stamp exhibit? The publishing exhibit has been squeezed into one side of the rotunda, and four large panels that were formerly marble are now painted a spotty white. Why is all this happening just when ALA and 10,000 librarians are arriving to look us over? Was it all planned to prove the library is in chaotic state? Who's responsible for all this?

(Ed. Response: Many agree with your thoughts on this matter. I'm afraid that I don't know who's responsible.)

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #18

June 20, 1975

NEW PLACEMENT REQUESTS:

Anyone interested in the following positions should send a written statement or telephone Personnel by 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 25.

Librarian I - Potrero Branch, Children's Services
Librarian I - Ortega Branch, Children's Services
Librarian I - Park Branch, Children's Services
Librarian I - Bernal Branch, Adult Services

ASSIGNMENTS:

Carol Small, Librarian I, from Potrero Branch to Eureka Valley Branch
Ruth Maginnis, Librarian II, from Adult Services to Children's Services at Bernal Branch.

PAYROLL CHECKS FROM JUNE 25 THROUGH JULY 8, 1975:

The City Controller has notified the Library that in order to facilitate fiscal year accounting procedures, there will be two checks issued for this period. One check will be for June 25th through June 30th and no voluntary deductions or Health Service will be made. The second check will be for July 1st through July 8th and all deductions, including Health Service, will be taken. This is the usual fiscal year end accounting and payroll procedure.

In order that temporary checks are received on time, for this pay period only, please submit an anticipated timesheet for all temporary employees to cover the period June 25 through June 30. Complete the permanent anticipated timesheets as usual. These anticipated timesheets must be in the Library Personnel Office by Wednesday, June 25. Adjustments to actual time worked for June 25 through June 30 will be made on the following payroll.

KAISER HEALTH COVERAGE FOR TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES:

The Health Service Board has received numerous inquiries from Temporary Employees requesting medical care coverage under the Health Service System. These employees are specifically excluded from membership in the System by the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, which requires that an employee be a member of the Retirement System before qualifying for membership in the Health Service System. The Board realizes that there are many employees within this category who are deprived of coverage both for themselves and their dependents.

Kaiser Hospital has presented a plan to cover temporary employees and their families. Temporary employees must enroll July 1 to July 25 to become effective August 1.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #18 (cont'd)
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KAISER HEALTH COVERAGE FOR TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES:

The monthly rates for calendar year 1975 are as follows:

Individual Member	-	$21.33
Member and Spouse	-	$40.77
Member and Family	-	$55.91

There is no medical examination necessary for enrollment. This being an independent plan, i.e., not under the control of the Health Service System, payroll deductions are not allowed. Members so enrolled must pay Kaiser directly and for subsequent months will be billed directly by Kaiser.

Applications are available in the office of the Health Service System or may be obtained from Kaiser Health Plan offices by calling 929-5230. Ask for Plan No. 9-888. Please contact Kaiser direct at the above indicated number for additional information.

WELCOME TO: Jeanette Giddings, permanent Clerk Typist, Registration

FAREWELL TO: Carol Poong, Library Asst.- CETA- Western Addition
Clinton Huey, Library Asst. - CETA - Marina Branch

Welcome back to Edna Harrison, Library Tech. Asst. II, who returns from Educational Leave. Mrs. Harrison will be assigned to the Registration Dept.

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mea Culpa Department

Apologies must go this week to Ms. Vivian Goodwin, to whom was attributed by mistake the memorandum which reduced page hours for the remainder of the month of June. Ms. Goodwin was one of the recipients of the memo, but not the sender. The memorandum came from the City Librarian's Office.

Women's National Book Association Meeting

The annual meeting of the Women's National Book Association will be a "real bash" meeting on June 29 at 9:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn (formerly Westbury Hotel). For further information, call 621-0837.

Summary of Advisory Council Meeting--6/24/75

-- Ms. Karen Scannell stated that it would probably be necessary to close the Bernal Branch from July 7 to July 19 because of a shortage of available librarians. A final decision will be made in the next few days.

-- SFPL's minority recruitment application for 1975-76 was not approved by the State Librarian. The reason given was that applications were received from libraries which had not participated in the program, and these were accorded a higher priority than ours.

-- The 1975-76 budget is still not firm. When it is promulgated to City departments, Bob Williams will inform chiefs and coordinators of the breakdown by line item.

Librarians' Guild Meeting Postponed

The monthly meeting of the Librarians' Guild has been postponed to Thursday, July 10, due to the ALA convention and the July 4 holiday.

Library Commissioner Publishes

Library Commissioner Ernest Gaines has an article appearing in the July issue of Essence.

Practical Joker Deprives Patrons of FREE

Hundreds of copies of FREE have been returned to the Friends' office from the U.S. Post Office; and a shortage of the publication has been noticed throughout the library system. The reason for this is that a library employee or patron stole hundreds of copies, addressed them to persons and places abroad, and mailed them. Since the Post Office does not deliver non-profit mail abroad, they were returned. Unfortunately, the Sultan of Morocco, Indira Gandhi, the General Manager of the Rabat Hilton, and many other foreign personages will not learn about the superb programs of the SFPL. However, postal inspectors are now sleuthing to discover the ambassador of international good will who perpetrated this foul deed.

Intersection Offer

The Intersection Theatre in San Francisco is offering a "one ticket free for the purchase of one" to anyone wishing to see John Bowen's play "Trevor." The offer is good for Wednesday and Thursday performances only. For a guest pass, call Esther Erford in Public Information (558-4010).

Holistic Health Weekend

A two-day seminar on "Holistic Approaches to Health" will take place on June 28-29 at San Francisco State University. For further information, call 392-3502.

ALA Conference Meetings for Asian-American Librarians

-- Saturday, June 28, 8:00 p.m., Western Addition Branch
Topic for Discussion: Affirmative Action and other issues of concern.

-- Sunday, June 29, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Civic Auditorium
Asian American Librarians' Caucus Program Committee meeting.

-- Monday, June 30, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, Civic Auditorium
Talk on contributions of Asian Americans to the United States.

-- Wednesday, July 2, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Civic Auditorium
Business meeting and election of officers.

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ALA Meetings...Asian-American Librarians (cont.)

-- Thurs., July 3, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, Civic Auditorium Steering Committee meeting.

-- For more information, call Judy Yung, 75[illegible]-1960.

Voter Registration - The City Needs You

"The Main Library will soon begin to take part in the Voter Registration Project, already underway at most branches. It will be possible for San Francisco residents to register to vote in the Main Library at times during which the Registrar of Voters Office in City Hall is closed, i.e., evenings from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. and weekends.

"Although deputy registrars in General Reference will handle most of the work, other staff members are needed to serve as alternate deputies in support of the General Reference staff. The Project presents a unique opportunity to perform an additional valuable public service; the effort required should be minimal.

"We encourage all interested staff members to become Deputy Registrars and to give General Reference Department a hand in the evening and weekend hours during which you are scheduled to work. Rodger Dillon, General Reference Department, is coordinating the Project. Please call him at 558-3191 if you have questions and if you wish to help with this important work."

--William Ramirez
Chief of Main Library

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To: Editor, Official Bulletin

From: One Who Must Remain Nameless

Dear sir:

Can you help? I know if the marble object in the General Reference/Popular Library area remains there very much longer that I will carve my initials or worse upon it.

I am fighting this but can't be sure my control will last.

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(Ed. Response: "And the angels will waft you into Heaven, and you shall sing with the heavenly spirits..."--*Part of the ancient Christian burial service read at the deceased's graveside before he or she was lowered into the ground.* In medieval days--and earlier--those who wished to achieve spiritual perfection kept constantly before them a skull as a symbolical way of thinking constantly on death--an effective manner of attaining ascetic purity on earth in order to gain eternal beatitude. So have those at the SFPL who are concerned about our eternal salvation set a symbol to remind us: "Memento homo quia pulvis es et in pulverum reverteris.")

Dear sir:

I would like to call attention of the adult librarians to the ALA article written by the Children's Librarians and published in Top of the News.

I have seldom seen a more perceptive and sensitive piece about our city. All the color, life and scenic beauty are here, enthusiastically presented and beautifully written.

May I suggest featuring this piece for all our visitors to see.

--Frances Howard
Parkside Branch

(Ed. Response: I agree with your assessment of the article. The O.B. is not the place to reprint it, but perhaps someone can come up with a way of wider distribution.)

Dear sir:

Why did you bother to print the letter about the condition of the Main Library if you could not supply an answer to the question asked? Was no one in the Administration able to supply you with any information?

--Glenda Hooper
Ortega Branch

(Ed. Response: Your note has stung me to action. 1) Wooden doors--I am in agreement, and have urged that the two side doors remain closed, and the middle one be used. However, I have been told that traffic patterns will not permit. 2) Cleaning up general appearance--I have passed on suggestion to the appropriate agency that the metal be polished

around the glass doors. 3) Signs--NOW OPEN SUNDAYS has been removed and new signs are being prepared. 4) U.N. Stamps--You are absolutely correct about the inconvenience this causes during ALA. However, the stamp outlet was set up in the Library at the direct request of the Mayor. 5) Large panels--These are not being painted a spotty white, but are being "cured" in preparation for mounting four murals by the same artist which were never put up.

Dear Mr. Starr:

Once again I have received the most patient and courteous treatment from your librarians in tracking down books needed by my husband and myself.

I find the same co-operative attitude in whichever department I approach for help.

It seems quite miraculous but almost always the library has the book I need.

My grateful thanks and hopes that you will soon have the extra space you so sorely need.

Sincerely,

Helen V. Bauer

To: Editor, Official Bulletin

From: The Janitorial Department

Dear sir:

The Janitorial Department consists of the largest non-Clerical staff in the Library. Like the rest of the staff, they can read and write, and they do read the Official Bulletin.

They wonder why there is never any mention of their efforts above and beyond their normal duties. They also get married, have children, and die. All of the moving that has been done in the Library, special setups, special handling of equipment, etc., etc., there is never any mention of, in the Official Bulletin, others are mentioned but not the Janitorial staff. WHY?

The latest item in the Bulletin about the "Vision Awareness Day" at the Jewish Community

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Center, was the final straw, that prompted this letter. The PELCO visual aid system was transported by both the Engineers staff AND the Janitorial staff. We took it there and they brought it back. A small thing, a straw, but typical of the way our efforts are overlooked. Unless of course, we don't cooperate, or get a complaint.

Some months ago, we tried to have a note of congratulations placed in the Bulletin, when one of our Staff's first child was born. She is now 18 months old, we still have not seen anything in the Bulletin, again we ask WHY, is it that you don't know?, or don't you care?

(Ed. Response: I DO care. I DIDN'T know. The Official Bulletin (what the lovely and gracious Florence Mitchell of the History Department calls "my s--- [expletive deleted] sheet") is put out for every member of the SFPL staff; and every member of the staff has the right to submit material. I was not the editor when the item on the birth of the staff member's child was sent. And, without commenting on the splendid job done by the Janitorial Department, I will say that any time the Janitorial Staff--or any member of it--has an item for the O.B., it will be published. Just send it up.

--Harvey Chuzzlewit, Editor

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Advisory councils of children have been publishing newspapers in several branches. Most recent are Tuning In from Richmond Branch (Mrs. Jeri Neiman and Mrs. Sandra Lane, Children's Librarians), Eureka Valley Branch--Kid's Chronicle (Mrs. Susan Faust, Children's Librarian) and North Beach Bookworm's Review (Mrs. Beth Beerbohm, Children's Librarian. All of the newspapers contain original poems and stories written by the children.

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On display at North Beach Branch is a neighborhood map made by the children, showing the location of their homes and favorite places in the area.

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Dial-A-Story (626-6516)

"The Lion and the Rat," a fable by LaFontaine, and poems "Hickory Dickory Dock" and "I've Got a Rocket in My Pocket," told by Mrs. Linda Geistlinger, Early Childhood Specialist.

DON'T FORGET THE A.L.A. PARTY ON SUNDAY!

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #19

June 27, 1975

NEW ASSIGNMENTS: (Effective July 8, 1975)

Betty Schwebacher	-	Librarian II	to	Presidio Branch
Johanna Goldschmid	-	Librarian I	"	Presidio Branch
Patricia Hall	-	Librarian II	"	Art & Music
Louise Santoro	-	Librarian II	"	General Reference
Robert Schmidt	-	Librarian I	"	Chinatown Branch
Mary Landgraf	-	Librarian II	"	Bernal Branch
Joan Jackson	-	Librarian II	"	Main Children's Room
Suzanne Lo	-	Librarian I	"	Main Children's Room
Miles Hamada	-	Librarian I	"	General Reference

JANITORS HEALTH SERVICE PREMIUM:

As a result of the passage of Proposition "O" in the last November election, all janitors will now be paid under Crafts Sections 8.401, 8.403, and 8.404 of the Charter. As each employee will be paid by the City 30 cents an hour for health and welfare benefits, the City will no longer contribute to their health insurance premium. Each employee will therefore have to pay the full health insurance premium as follows:

	PLAN I (City)		PLAN II (Kaiser)	
	BI-WEEKLY	MONTHLY	BI-WEEKLY	MONTHLY
Member	11.63	25.21	12.00	26.02
Member & 1	25.10	54.40	24.01	52.04
Member & Family	33.48	72.55	34.79	75.38
Member & 1 Medicare	16.09	34.87	19.54	42.34
Member & 1 Med & Family	24.47	53.02	30.31	65.68

	PLAN-III (Blue Cross)	
	BI-WEEKLY	MONTHLY
Member	23.49	50.90
Member & 1	40.01	86.70
Member & Family	47.03	101.92
Member & 1 Medicare	30.02	65.05
Member & 1 Med & Family	37.05	80.28

Because all health insurance is paid in advance, deductions were begun this last pay period for July. Further questions regarding this matter should be directed to your union.

WELCOME TO: Mr. Miles Hamada, permanent Librarian I.

Welcome back to Louise Santoro, Librarian II, returning from Educational Leave.

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LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

THE PARTY'S OVER, LET'S CALL IT A DAY

From the Pearl Mesta of the SFPL

"Thanks are due to all of the San Francisco Public Library staff and its friends and relatives who helped to make our ALA Reception a great success. This includes the Janitors, who set up and cleaned up; the hostesses and bartenders, who were scheduled or found a need and filled it, the balloon lady and her helpers, and every single one of you who helped welcome our guests. The crew that worked with Mr. Lowe and Mr. Campos who stayed till the ball was over and the talent scouts are also to be commended.

"I was really proud of all of our staff and friends on Sunday and Monday morning, when I saw how the library had been resurrected back to working order.

"Many, many thinks to all of you. Hoping ALA gives us ten years to recuperate."

--Anne Kincaid

(Ed. Note: And thanks to you, Anne Kincaid, from the SFPL staff, for providing a most worthy entertainment for our visitors.)

And Especially the Janitors

Last week the O.B. carried an anonymous note from the SFPL's janitorial staff complaining of not receiving any coverage in the O.B.--or mentions of work well done above the call of duty. The uncomplaining, enthusiastic, and superb job of setting up and cleaning up--in adverse circumstances--which the janitorial staff did last Sunday and Monday morning deserves a special mention. It also deserves the gratitude of the entire SFPL.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Put a Head in Your Department

"The Order Department has several statues, received as gifts from Gale Research. These are of literary figures such as Poe, Sandburg, Joyce, etc. Any branch or department which would like one for display should notify John Fetros in the Order Department."

--John Fetros

Silk Screen Prints

The Mission Branch will be displaying silk screen prints from the LaRaza Silk Screen Center. (They are there on an indefinite loan, and new or different ones will rotate from time to time.)

If you wish further information, contact Frank Pinell of Mission Branch, 824-2810.

And a Son is Born to Us

Congratulations to David and Nancy Fong (History Department), who are the parents of an 8 lb., 3 oz. baby boy--Brian David--born on June 30 at 8:06 p.m.

Dolly Finally Gets John Cotton Dana Award

On Monday, June 30, in the Venetian Room at the Fairmont Hotel, Dalisay Bocobo-Balunsat was presented with the John Cotton Dana Award for publicizing Filipino Cultural Week as a library special event. Congratulations to Dolly.

MAINTENANCE AND RESTORATION OF RARE BOOKS WORKSHOP (June 23-25, University of California, Berkeley)

"At the present time no accredited library school provides a practical course in the preservation of archival materials which can be found in most large libraries, as in SFPL; that is why irreplaceable folios, manuscripts and plates are quite literally falling to pieces from acidification, fungus and worms, often encouraged by improper restoration with unsuitable materials or harmful storage by the librarian.

"Theodore Kahle and his wife Anne of the Carricornus School of Bookbinding and Restoration are attempting to remedy this

deplorable situation with their classes and workshops in restoration and bookbinding for librarians. Utilizing many slides and actual examples of incunabula, later works and even papyrus, Mr. Kahle explained the basic methods of cleaning and dressing leather, rebacking, rebinding, de-acidification, treatment of mildew and insects, washing and sizing, lamination, shelving, environment, and long-term planning and budgeting.

"Perhaps the greatest value of the seminar to the participants is an increased sensitivity toward rare volumes. When I returned home, I noticed interleaf acid migration from a wood pulp bookmark I had placed there years before. Anne Englund and I despaired at the totally inadequate housing and lack of humidity control for SFPL's treasures, and in particular our Diderot Encyclopédie.

"SFPL was very well represented at this seminar; also attending were May Cheng of Book Repair and Johanna Goldschmid, who just returned from studying fine bookbinding in Switzerland for seven months. Mary Louise Stong participated in a panel discussion the final day, expressing the Friends' viewpoint in accepting rare gifts; some librarians felt that gifts should not be accepted unless the donor also provided funds for the gift's proper maintenance and restoration. Tom Fowler was to appear on this panel, but was unable to attend.

"Mr. Kahle's clipped British accent and extremely dry sense of humor made the 15 hours of instruction race by. Every evening after class he invited the group to his studio, where the participants could observe his and his wife's very fine work. The Kahles are artisans who have set the highest standards possible for themselves and their students, and utilize only reversible methods of restoration that have been proven over the last 1400 years."

--Bob Schmidt

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City Librarian

Dear Sir:

I had occasion yesterday to call General Reference to enlist aid in, what was to me, "looking for a needle in a haystack." This letter is to commend your staff, but unfortunately I do not have specific names.

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My request was for the address of the Oyster Pond Yacht Club, and all the information I had been given was that it was in the Netherlands Antilles. I had checked some fairly large-scale maps (National Geographic), and narrowed down the Caribbean Islands (I thought) to Curacao, Bonaire, or Aruba.

General Reference tried, to no avail; they transferred me to "Directory Service" (3200), but suggested if the latter could not help, to ask for "Art & Music" (3687)--where they also supposedly had information on sports and yachting. The gentleman at the latter extension began a search and within two hours called me back with the correct address--on yet another island, Saint Maarten (St. Martin), which is jointly owned by the Netherlands and by France, and is located far from the three main Netherlands Antilles.

Such speedy and excellent service deserves to be complimented, and I readily do so.

Very truly yours,

Phyllis J. Ensrud (Miss)
Departmental Secretary
Department of Public Works
City of Daly City

To: Harvey Chuzzlewit

From: Grandma Chuzzlewit

Now, Harvey, you're getting carried away again. I don't think it was nice of you to imply in your newspaper that that nice Miss Mitchell said a naughty word. Just because she scolded you for taking home one of her office's important books, that doesn't give you cause to scold her back in your paper. That's an important part of her job--safeguarding the reference books and also explaining the importance of library procedures to people like you who are careless and thoughtless about them.

For some time now I've been meaning to write to you about all the personal comments that are filtering back into your paper, but as you know, I had a touch of the gout and haven't been able to get down to the post office. You seem to spend so much time writing, couldn't you manage just a short note to your poor, sick granny?

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How I do go on--must be where you get it from. Well I must be getting back to my program. It looks like Missy will get hitched to that awful Robert after all. You mind what I said about those personal attacks now. We don't want to get so many people upset with you that they won't want to keep you around any more. From what I hear about that place you work in, they have more than enough headaches without your piling on any more s---.

P.S. Martha next door just laughed and said maybe you should rename your paper the Official Bull Sheet. Ha Ha.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The American Library Association convention provided many meaningful, stimulating and interesting experiences for all of us. Thanks to all of the staff who helped in so many ways to make the week a success.

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Miss Effie Lee Morris, Children's Coordinator, has been asked by the Racism and Social Justice Committee of the National Council of Social Studies to serve for the second year on the Carter G. Woodson Book Award Committee. The National Council for the Social Studies established this annual award in 1974 for the most distinguished social science book appropriate for young readers which depicts ethnicity in the United States. The purpose of this award is to encourage the writing, publishing and dissemination of outstanding social science books for young readers which treat topics related to ethnic minorities and race relations sensitively and accurately. Eloise Greenfield received the first award for Rosa Parks.

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A welcome arrival--Aaron Faust, 7 lbs., 11 oz., Saturday, June 28, at 4:25 a.m. Congratulations to parents Mr. and Mrs. Leland (Susan) Faust.

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Pre-school story hours for children ages 3-5, and special times for reading aloud to children ages 6 and up, will be held in the Children's Room, Main Library, and most branches during July and August.

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advisory Council Meeting

There will be an Advisory Council meeting on July 22 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All agenda items should be submitted to Griff Stokes by noon on July 21.

Japanese Dolls Gift to SFPL's Excelsior Branch

Excelsior Branch recently received five colorful and authentic Japanese dolls for future displays--a gift of patron Mrs. Harry Cohen.

San Francisco Custodial Training Program

All permanent staff members from the SFPL's janitorial staff are attending the San Francisco Custodial Training program sponsored by the City. Each staff member attends classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Ms. Elizabeth Joiner, Janitor Sub-Foreperson, is one of the instructors and is also working with the CAO's office in coordinating the program.

Chinese Exhibition

"A reminder to sign up with the Chief of the Main Library's office or the Chief of Branches' office for the (self-) tour of the Chinese Exhibition at the Asian Art Museum on Tuesday, July 22 (9.00 a.m.) and Wednesday, July 23 (9:30 a.m.).

"The Art and Music Department has received the exhibition catalogue, and anyone who wants to do some advance reading can see it there."

--Mary Ashe
Art and Music Department

C.L.S.I. CIRCULATION SYSTEM CONVERSION

"The CLSI Circulation System will soon be a reality for SFPL. In order for the system to work, there must be input to the computer all the book information for the books that will circulate and also the borrower information for all card holders. Therefore, the cooperation of all departments and branches is necessary for a successful operation. The savings in time and effort for all will be well worth the initial hardships needed to make the system work.

"The conversion will take about 25 persons working four to six months at the terminals connected to the computer. The Registration/Circulation staff will primarily be doing the input of borrowers' information and supervising the rest of the input to the system. Also, the present circulation system will have to be maintained by the Registration/Circulation staff; therefore, clerical personnel from areas other than the Registration/Circulation Department will be needed for this initial conversion period.

"The following will, after training, be scheduled for from 2 to 4 hours per day each at terminals to input the book data into the system; 2 persons from each subject department; 2 persons from each cluster; 1 or 2 persons from Technical Services; plus additional interested volunteers whose departments can spare them.

"Because of the extreme necessity of utilizing the machinery as much as possible, and converting as many books to the new system as quickly as possible, this work has priority over any other work that these persons must do. Only qualified typists and careful workers can be used for this task, since only with good input can there be any correct output for circulation, inventory control and reserves. Staff will be assigned on the recommendation of the department heads. Unless there is a dire emergency, and with the permission of the project leader (James Reilly or his alternate), no one will be excused from the scheduled time. Mr. Reilly will direct this project and will coordinate the training and assignment of staff members involved.

"The more quickly and smoothly the initial conversion is accomplished, the sooner the system will in turn effect the time savings and book savings that we are all striving for. Therefore, all personnel are asked to cooperate fully in this endeavor."

--Dr. Kevin Starr
City Librarian

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

When Miss Mary Jane Brown, Children's Librarian, Sunset Branch, began reading "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" at Preschool Story Hour, a four-year-old child shouted, "I know that book! I heard it on the telephone!" Later another four-year-old, applying for a library card, said to Miss Brown, "I can tell that's a San Francisco Library card because it's got a cable car and the Golden Gate Bridge on it."

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Miss Carol Small, Children's Librarian, Potrero Branch, was told by one of the children that when she plays board games with her friends, they all try hard to win because the prize for the winner is a call to Dial-A-Story.

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Film Programs

PARKSIDE BRANCH. Tuesday, July 15, at 10:30 a.m. (preschool)--"Animal Parade"; and at 3:30 p.m. (ages 6 and up)--"Crafts."

CHILDREN'S ROOM, MAIN LIBRARY. Wednesday, July 16, at 10:00 a.m. (preschool)--"Mousetales"; and at 3:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up)--"A Little Laughter."

GLEN PARK BRANCH. Thursday, July 17, at 10:30 a.m. (preschool)--"Cat Tales"; and at 2:30 p.m. (ages 6 and up)--"Flying High."

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Dial-A-Story (665-0516)

"The Sorcerer's Apprentice," a tale from the Brothers Grimm, told by Ms. Karen Jing, Early Childhood Specialist.

BARC-ING UP THE RIGHT TREE

KQED Newsroom

Last Wednesday on KQED's "Newsroom", there was a segment about the American Library Association's San Francisco conference. Featured on the program were Craig Schiller of CVRP, Lois Bailey of Talking Books, and Gil McGamee. The aim of the program was to show that libraries have functions in addition to the circulation of books.

From Gil McNamee

"Speaking for both Roberto Esteves and myself, I would like to thank everyone for their help during ALA's Conference in San Francisco. The reception was pure delight--thanks to Anne Kincaid and her Committee. ALA will talk about it, I'm sure, until the next S.F. Conference (1981?). Carl Cox has some really great pictures of the party.

"I heard many of our visitors this past week say that the meetings were good, the tours informational and fun, the exhibits big and lavish, and the night life unbelievable.

"I worried that our weather might act up as it sometimes does this time of year, but even it was working for us. Every day was beautiful!

"With conference arrangers like Chris Hoy and Mary Ciulluffo in Chicago, people like you, a city like San Francisco, and weather like last week's, it's no wonder that people were saying this was the best conference they had attended."

--Gil McNamee

Excerpts from Recent Letters to BARC

Because of your readiness to be of service and my desire to be of help, I feel no two groups have closer ties of mutual, friendly assistance than BARC and the Corps of Engineers.

Librarian
Army, Corps of Engineers

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We congratulate you upon granting of funding for 1975-76 for San Francisco's special libraries.... We're glad this includes us.

Library
African-American Historical & Cultural Society

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When a program such as this (BARC) helps our people provide better service it is more than justified... Your efforts are very much appreciated.

Librarian
Rochtel Corp.

LETTER ON PAGE HOURS

The following is a copy of Dr. Starr's letter of July 10 to the Finance Committee, San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

Honorable Supervisors:

The Library Commission has directed me to write to you concerning what they and the library staff both consider the inviolability of the current budget level for Pages at the San Francisco Public Library.

Although it is easy to overlook the services of this essential component of the Library's personnel, I can vouch that the Pages are the sinews of a library system. Without sufficient Pages and sufficient Page time, no library system can operate effectively: services to the public diminish at an alarming rate, books are not shelved and are therefore not available to the public, and periodicals cannot be retrieved for patrons.

The Pages at the San Francisco Public Library are hard-working, dedicated, and committed to this institution. Their labors are essential not only to the excellence of the San Francisco Public Library, but also to the most austere functioning of our Library.

Therefore, it is not only within the purview of my job as a department head to make certain that I have sufficient funds to provide the necessary level of public service that I write to you but it is the exercise of my most profound duty as a San Francisco city official that I strongly urge you to maintain our current level of Page hours.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Starr
City Librarian

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Librarians' Guild News

"Now that the Librarians' Guild is the official bargaining agent for Librarians I and II, we are formulating the list of priorities for negotiation with the Board of Supervisors, the Civil Service Commission, and the City Librarian. Please forward any suggestions you may have to Gloria Hanson (Marina Branch), Sally Houston (Excelsior Branch), or Florence Mitchell (History Department) before July 24. Suggestions from Librarian III's are also welcome. If we cannot use them, we will forward them to the committee that will be formulating priorities for the Librarian III's after their election has been held."

And More News

The Librarians' Guild is sponsoring two meetings for Librarian IIIs (3634) in the Commission Room at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 17, and Thursday, July 24. The meetings are for union and non-union Librarian IIIs. Local CSA-400 has filed for collective bargaining elections for this class. Vince Courtney, the union attorney, will be there to answer your questions on how collective bargaining will affect this class.

Two Fellowships, Funded Through HEA Title II, Were Announced at ALA:

1. Wayne State University...Master's program in Librarianship with an emphasis on service to special groups, i.e., institutionalized, minority group people, the aging, etc.

Applicant must have a B.A. degree and meet eligibility requirements for the Wayne State Library School. Begins

Two Fellowships...(cont.)

September, 1975; extends through August, 1976. All tuition fees will be waived and a stipend provided. Contact persons are:

Dr. Robert E. Booth or Professor Genevieve Casey
Wayne State University, College of Education
Division of Library Science
Detroit, Michigan 48202 Tel. (312) 577-1825

2. University of Wisconsin...Sixth year of study for services to the aging.

Applicant must have MLS plus two years of experience working in a library. Application deadline is July 21, 1975... The program runs from September, 1975, through August, 1976... Grants cover tuition fees and provide a stipend. Contact person is:

Dr. Margaret Monroe
University of Wisconsin Library School
600 North Park Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53706

Cut-Rate Movies for SFPL Employees

United Artists Theatres have offered the employees of the SFPL a discount on loge tickets for first-run movies in their theatres. The first such movie being offered is "Bite the Bullet," playing at the Alexandria Theatre. Prices for tickets for employees and guests is $2.75. The offer is good for any showing on Wednesday, August 6. For further information and tickets, contact Charles Fracchia, 558-4235.

PUBLIC SERVICE NOTE FROM GOLDEN GATE VALLEY BRANCH

"Sometimes several weeks pass without use of the SOCIAL SERVICES REFERRAL DIRECTORY in this branch. However, during the first week of July, three persons were referred to agencies listed in the S.S.R.D. One was a troubled woman who had a large number of fears and questions about her housing situation (referred to the Women's Switchboard). Another was an unemployed young man who had exhausted the usual channels for finding a job. (We called the Haight Switchboard and learned that they had a job counselor who would be available the next day. Also referred this patron to our file of

PUBLIC SERVICE NOTE (Cont.)

WORK FORCE, for possible alternatives.) The third person wanted to know how to go about getting licensed for children's day care (referred to Department of Social Services, Family and Children's Services). Being able to provide this kind of information that has basic meaning in people's lives is very gratifying.

--Joe Sugg

GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

Dear Sirs:

This letter is long overdue. I meant to write it last year, mislaid the names of the librarians, and just discovered them in a pile of bills!!

I wanted to tell you how helpful both these women have been to me in my use of the Eureka branch library.

They are knowledgeable, courteous, friendly, efficient--they help me get books from the Main Library, help me with requests for new books, seen and have heard of books that interest me, and read reviews of new books I occasionally mention. It is always a pleasure to use the library.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

Frances Linenthal
(Mrs. Mark Linenthal, Jr.)

P.S. Names are: Joan Walton, Head Librarian; Lorraine Preovolos, Library Technician. (I requested them.)

Dear Dr. Starr:

Thank you very much for making it possible for me to take two courses at UC-Berkeley and Capricornus School of Bookbinding and Restoration on June 23-25 and June 30-July 5. Theodore and Anne Kahle taught in both of the courses: Maintenance and Restoration of Rare Books and Basic Book Restoration. They were most helpful and generous

and even permitted me to attend the course of Basic Bookbinding free of charge.

I learned a great deal in these classes, in both knowledge and skill. Now that I understand the structure of the books, I work more efficiently than before in my daily work of book repair. I was able to apply some of my new skills in repairing an old and heavily used book the first day I returned to work. Now I also have confidence in restoring rare and valuable books, to preserve them and enhance their value. In both areas I feel I am already more useful to the library than before I had this special training, and I hope I shall have the opportunity for more advanced training in the future.

Needless to say, I am much indebted to the Friends of San Francisco Public Library for their sponsorship and financial assistance, and I am also writing them to express my deep appreciation.

Thank you again for your interest and support.

Sincerely,

May Cheng
Book Repair Section
Technical Services

Dear Dr. Starr:

Some time ago two people in your library were most helpful, and I asked them their names in order to tell you about them.

I am illustrating a children's scientifically oriented book about wood ducks and learned that The World of Woodducks would be an excellent reference source. I needed the book instantly.

You can imagine how relieved and delighted I was that these two people went out of their way to help me locate the book. They did so promptly, but with work and effort not often encountered, especially by telephone. I am most grateful.

Francie Gilman of the Science Department and Lans Keith of General Reference--on a Sunday afternoon--supposedly our day of rest--worked vigorously

and enthusiastically on their jobs.

Please extend my appreciation to them.

Yours sincerely,

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Margaret Mayer, Executive Director
Friends of the SFPL

Dear Ms. Mayer:

I am pleased to inform you that financial support up to $27,900 has been made available by the San Francisco American Issues Forum Committee for the project under the direction of Anne Kincaid. An approved project budget against which charges may be made is enclosed.

The centrality of the humanities to the project and the substantive involvement of professional humanists in its planning and implementation are conditions attaching to the assistance provided.

Please confirm acceptance of this award and the conditions attaching to it by signing the copy of this letter which is enclosed and returning it to the Forum's office.

The Committee looks forward to the important contribution which your project will make to the Forum. As your planning proceeds, please contact the staff at 558-2842 at any time that you feel that they may be of assistance to you.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

J. S. Holliday, Chairman
American Issues Forum of S.F.

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Mary Louise Stong, President
Friends of the SFPL

Dear Mary Louise Stong,

As you know the Bicentennial Celebration on July 4 was successful on many levels. In addition to the enjoyment of the day, the library and the community will continue to enjoy a legacy of growth, improvement and continued beauty in the many ongoing projects.

We are very grateful to the Friends of the Library for their financial support and encouragement.

I think that people realized on July 4 that the spirit of growth and caring that San Francisco is now experiencing is shared by many kinds of groups and individuals. It was both gratifying and significant that the Friends were such an important part of our branch library renewal. Much of the energy that will revitalize the city comes from the neighborhoods.

I hope that many of the Friends will come by to see the fruits of your generous gift. I will send snapshots of the celebration when they are printed.

Sincerely,

Margaret Jehu, Branch Librarian

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The A.L.A. Conference provided many special opportunities for Children's Librarians. The exhibits, open committee meetings, Children's Services Division meetings, Booklist open forum section on children's books, section of non-print materials, SRRT ethnic materials Information Exchange task force, YASD meeting on Sexism in Adolescent Lives and Literature, and the Newbery-Caldecott-Wilder awards dinner with the warm, inspirational acceptance speeches were some of the high points.

Talking to authors of children's books informally gave Children's Librarians another opportunity to function professionally.

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FROM THE O.C.S. (Cont.)

As in all big events, behind-the-scenes operations are all important. All meetings for the Children's Services Division functioned smoothly. Attendees could take a little bit of San Francisco home with them, as they received the S.F.P.L. Summer Reading mobile with scenes of San Francisco on it. Again, the Newbery-Caldecott-Wilder dinner gave the lucky person with a star under his saucer another bit of San Francisco to take home--each table's centerpiece, a real cablecar. It all reflects the great organizational ability of Children's Librarians such as Miss Betty Schwabacher, Chief Hostess, and her crew of helpers; and certainly reflects the superb management skills of the Local Arrangements Chairperson, Miss Effie Lee Morris.

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Film Programs

SUNSET BRANCH. Tuesday, July 22, at 10:30 a.m. (preschool)--"Fantastic Happenings"; and at 3:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up)--"Spooks and Spirits."

NOE VALLEY BRANCH. Wednesday, July 23, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (preschool)--"Colors"; and at 2:30 p.m. (ages 6 and up)--"Puppetry."

CHINATOWN BRANCH. Thursday, July 24, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (preschool)--"Music"; and at 2:30 p.m. (ages 6 and up)--"Music."

MERCED BRANCH. Thursday, July 24, at 2:00 p.m. (preschool)--"The Fastest I Can Go"; and at 4:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up)--"Fantasy Fun."

Filmstrip Programs

RICHMOND BRANCH. Tuesday, July 22, at 10:30 a.m. (preschool)--"Friends and Foolish Doings."

EXCELSIOR BRANCH. Thursday, July 24, at 4:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up)--"Animals."

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Dial-A-Story (626-6516)

"The Voice from the Balcony," told by Miss Karen Jing, Early Childhood Specialist.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #21

July 18, 1975

EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT:

The examination announcement for 3642 Coordinator, Adult Library Services has been issued. Receipt of applications closes August 12, 1975. The beginning date of the examination is September 16, 1975. The examination is being given on a promotive basis. Therefore, only employees who hold permanent status as 3634 Librarian III's are eligible to apply. Copies of the announcement will be distributed to all permanent Librarian III's.

NEW ASSIGNMENTS:

Patricia Smith, Librarian I (CETA), to Ortega Branch (Children's Work) effective July 18.
Mr. Bashir Abdullah, Library Assistant (CETA), to Potrero Branch effective July 17.

CASHING PAYCHECKS IN CITY HALL:

Effective June 30, 1975, the hours for cashing checks in the Treasurer's office were changed to 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PART-TIME LIBRARY PAGES:

This is a reminder to the staff of some of the current Civil Service rules and regulations governing library pages:

1. No page may work more than 20 hours a week or more than 40 hours in one pay period. Anyone showing over 40 hours in a pay period on the timecard or timesheet will not be paid for those hours.

2. Sick pay is earned at the rate of one (1) hour for every 20 hours worked. After six months of employment, sick pay may be used.

3. All vacation time earned during the year must be taken by the end of the calendar year. There will be no carry over vacation time. Two weeks vacation time is granted after one year of employment. Vacation is to be taken according to a page's weekly schedule (not on 2 weeks equaling 10 days). For example: If a page works 2 days per week, then 1 week of vacation would cover only the 2 days of scheduled work.

4. Holiday pay is granted according to a page's schedule if he works a 5 day week and the holiday falls on his scheduled work day.

Further, all library pages must show current identification of enrollment in college and the number of current units, a copy of which must be forwarded to the Personnel Office. Failure to comply or inability to produce such identification will be cause for termination.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #21 (cont'd)
July 18, 1975

FAREWELL TO: Keith Brehmer, Librarian I (CETA), General Reference.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Branch Librarian: ($1038-$1282). Monterey County is seeking a career-oriented individual for the position of Librarian III. Under direction of the County Librarian, the Branch Librarian will administer a large branch library, currently under construction in Seaside. Education: M.L.S. degree from an A.L.A. accredited school. Experience: Two years of full-time paid professional level library work, preferably with at least one year in a supervisory capacity. Applications will be carefully reviewed, and those applicants best qualified will be invited to Salinas for a personal interview. Further information and application forms may be obtained from:

Salinas - Personnel Office, Courthouse, P.O. Box 180, Salinas, CA. 93901; 424-8611, Ext. 284 or

Monterey - Branch Personnel Office, County Building, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA. 93940.

Bookmobile Librarian: ($862-$1064) Monterey County. Education: M.L.S. degree from A.L.A. accredited school. Experience: None required. Applications will be carefully reviewed, and those applicants best qualified will be invited to Salinas for a personal interview. Further information and application forms may be obtained at the above address.

Children's Librarian: ($862-$1064) Monterey County. Education: M.L.S. from A.L.A. accredited school. Experience: None required. Applications will be carefully reviewed, and those applicants best qualified will be invited to Salinas for a personal interview. Further information and application forms may be obtained at the above address.

STATUS OF PART-TIME JANITORS:

The Janitors were put in the Crafts section of the Salary Standardization Ordinance effective July 1, 1975. Until the section of this contract covering part-time work is clarified and schedules arranged accordingly, part-time janitors may not work. The City Attorney's opinion has been requested and we hope this matter will be resolved within the next week and part-time janitors will have their new schedules. In any event, at this time they have not been fired or layed off.

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advisory Council Meetings

The following dates are scheduled for Advisory Council meetings: August 6, 20; September 10, 24; October 15, 29. Meetings will take place from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Room. Agenda items should be submitted to the Librarian's Office on the day before the meeting.

From the Office of Adult Services

"Muni maps are out of print, and a new edition should come out in January 1976. BART maps still are not available, but hopefully will be in the fall. When these maps become available, we will distribute them throughout the Main Library and branches."

Philippine Celebration

The SFPL staff is invited to attend a documentary movie preview of the ALA reception, 1975 Philippine Cultural Week, and the presentation of the John Cotton Dana awards; sample Philippine delicacies, and whatever, on Thursday, July 31, at 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. RSVP Dolly Bocobo-Balunsat (558-3191) or Rosie Abella (558-3031).

Movie Tickets Available

Tickets will be available this Tuesday (July 29) for the SFPL discount movie night on Wednesday, August 6, at the Alexandria Theatre for "Bite the Bullet." Reservations may be made by calling Charles Fracchia (558-4235). All staff of the SFPL and their guests may take advantage of this discount.

Secretary Cerasi Doubly Honored

George Cerasi, Secretary to the Library Commission, was recently appointed to the Board of Governors of the Civic League of Improvement Clubs--a powerful political group in San Francisco. And, on July 16, he was installed as Commander of the Galileo Post of the American Legion.

SFPL Baseball Rivalry

"Ortega and Golden Gate Valley Branch softball teams met at Marina Junior High playfield Sunday, July 13, in this season's first game of their continuing sports and picnicking rivalry. Various friends joined in, including slugger Dick Shouse from Potrero Branch. After-game activities included a birthday cake and song for one of the participants, with hand-cranked ice cream made on the spot. The fact that Golden Gate Valley won this round was entirely secondary to the fine time had by all."--Joe Sugg

GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

Dear Official Bullsheet Ed.

Get rid of the dumb-ass tombstone in General Reference!

We are DEADLY serious!

Necrophilia and Totenrauber von Climax

EDUCATION COMMITTEE FORMED

The purpose of the Education Committee is to assist full-time staff members in their pursuit of further education, while maintaining adequate staff and service levels in all of the library divisions. It will give approval and counsel for such educational plans, and will coordinate schedule adjustments when necessary to fit class attendance into the "40 hours in 6 days" work week now permitted for Library employees in the Salary Ordinance of 1975/76.

The Committee is comprised of the Chief of Main, William Ramirez; Chief of Branches, Karen Scannell; Chief of Technical Services, Vivian Goodwin; and the Affirmative Action Officer, Derrald Etheley.

In order that there may be mutual planning for the Fall term, please notify the Committee immediately if you intend to register. Give an indication of your goals and the course of study involved. The registration deadline at San Francisco State

EDUCATION COMMITTEE FORMED (cont.)

University is August 1, 1975, and others will be coming soon.

Direct your letter of intention to Derrald Etheley, Affirmative Action Officer, Main Library, after you have tentatively discussed plans with the supervisor of your branch or department.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Children's Librarians will be afforded a special opportunity at their meeting on August 8 at 9:00 a.m. A three-hour seminar on books and films will be given by Ms. Johanna Foster of Connecticut Films. The O.A.S. meeting will be held on August 15.

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A special documentary film, "The American Issues Forum," was shown last week at a reception hosted by the congressional members of the Board of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA). It will be used throughout the country to introduce and explain the nine-month program of discussions of topics that embrace some fundamental issues that influenced our past and could determine our future. Marianne Means (Washington) discussed the film in her column in the Tuesday, July 22, San Francisco Examiner. It is encouraging for us to note that Miss Effie Lee Morris, Children's Coordinator, appears in the film, speaking out for the inclusion of ethnic materials in the discussions. The film has been shown at both the O.A.S. and O.C.S. meetings.

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Film Programs for Children

MISSION BRANCH. Wednesday, July 30, at 10:00 a.m. (preschool)--"Monkey Business"; and at 2:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up)--"Balloons."

NORTH BEACH BRANCH. Thursday, July 31, at 10:15 a.m. (preschool)--"People and Their Pets"; and at 3:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up)--"Growing Up."

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Dial-A-Story (626-6516)

"The Cat, the Mountain Goat and the Fox," a tale from Puerto Rico, told by Mrs. Linda Geistlinger, Early Childhood Specialist.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #22

July 25, 1975

FAREWELL TO: Joan Draper, Librarian II, Main Children's Room
Myron Solorzano, Library Assistant (CETA), Glen Park Branch

NEW ASSIGNMENTS:

Blanche Maulet, Librarian II, to Western Addition Branch effective August 4, 1975.
Anne Milkie, Librarian I (CETA), to Bernal Branch effective August 1, 1975.

NEW PLACEMENT REQUESTS:

Anyone interested in the following positions should send a written statement to Personnel by noon Wednesday, July 30.

Librarian I - Waden Branch (Children's Work)
Librarian II - Richmond Branch

STAFF BOOK ACCOUNT COMMITTEE:

Anyone interested in working on the Staff Book Account Committee should submit their name to Personnel. This committee will make decisions on how money accumulated in that account will be used. At present there is a suggestion to refurbish the Staff Room.

ADDITIONAL WITHHOLDING TAX:

For those who usually have to pay additional income tax at the end of the year, there is a provision which allows them to increase the amount withheld from each paycheck. If you fall into this group and wish to increase your withholding, please contact Personnel for the necessary forms.

REQUESTS FOR TIMESHEETS:

The supply of timesheets is in the Personnel Office and to expedite your requisitions for these forms, please address your requests to Personnel.

MONEY ACCUMULATION AND DISABILITY INCOME PROTECTION PROGRAMS:

A representative will be in the Staff Room of the Main Library on Friday, August 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to explain the above programs. The programs may be placed on a payroll deduction plan. The representative will be able to give information regarding some other types of insurance as well.

TIMESHEETS ARE DUE BY WEDNESDAY, NOON!

As there are only four working days to complete the timerolls, it is necessary for all branches and departments to get their timesheets to Personnel by noon on Wednesday, pay day. We would appreciate your help in getting timesheets to us on time so that we can get your paychecks to you on time.

VACATION SCHEDULES:

If you have not scheduled your vacation with your supervisor, please do so immediately. As you know, each employee must take one week of vacation each calendar year. All employees hired in November and December of each year are required to take one week before December 31st. As there were a great many employees hired last year during that time, scheduling will be difficult this year. In order to avoid losing vacation time, please schedule your vacation time today.

Below is quoted that portion of the Administrative Code covering vacation schedules:

SECTION 16.14 VACATION SCHEDULES

(a) Each appointing officer shall establish a department vacation schedule prior to June 1st of each year and employees shall furnish the appointing officer with information concerning vacation preferences prior to the establishment of such vacation schedule. Appointing officers shall give due regard to seniority of employees and the needs of the service. Any such schedule may be amended by the appointing officer at any time, provided, however, that in the event of a dispute concerning the time assigned to the employee for his vacation, the decision of the appointing officer shall prevail; with the exception that unless an emergency situation exists requiring the immediate presence of an employee, the request of employee that vacation shall begin on the day immediately following the employee's normal days off shall be granted.

(b) Vacation periods may be taken on an intermittent daily basis; provided, however, that any employee who is entitled to a vacation allowance of five or more working days shall take at least one full week of his vacation at one time annually.

(d) No employee shall be allowed a vacation prior to the expiration of one calendar year from his beginning date.

COUNCIL ON LIBRARY RESOURCES, INC.

Fellowship Program 1976-77.

The Council on Library Resources has offered a limited number of fellowships each year to mid-career librarians of the United States who have demonstrated a strong potential for leadership in the profession. The fellowships enable successful applicants to pursue a self-developed study aimed at improving their competence.

Application Procedures: Interested librarians may receive an application form by sending a self-addressed #10 envelope to: Fellowship Committee, Council on Library Resources, Suite 620, One Dupont Circle, Washington, D. C. 20036.

Deadline for Applying: October 15, 1975. Awards will be announced in April, 1976.

Requirements: Applicants must be librarians or other professionals working directly with libraries; they must be citizens of the U. S. or have permanent resident status in this country. Their employers must be willing to provide them with a period of continuous leave of from three to nine months in which to carry out the proposed program.

Award Limitations: The fellowships are not intended to support work toward an advanced degree in librarianship.

The Award: The Fellowships are intended to cover costs during a period of continuous leave from three to nine months. They do not cover salary but are for expenses incident to the proposed program.

Internship Option: Some candidates may find an internship with a particular institution the most profitable use of the fellowship opportunity. Such applicants should clearly define their goals and make certain that appropriate internship arrangements can be made.

Selection Procedures: Applications are first evaluated by a screening Committee of eminent librarians; final selections are made by the Council's Fellowship Committee. In reviewing the applications emphasis will be placed on the proposed study, investigation, training, or internship; its usefulness to the profession as a whole; and on the candidate's professional qualifications.

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Janitor Shortage

Due to the temporary shortage of janitors in the branch system, hours of service per branch must be reduced. Each remaining man must now service three to four branches daily. Your cooperation in this emergency is requested. For information regarding your branch library, contact Ms. Karen Scannell, Chief of Branches, or Ms. Elizabeth Joiner, Janitor Sub-Foreperson in charge of branch janitors.

Print Shop Moves

Mr. Hershel Mitchell announces the removal of the Print Shop from its current quarters to the old Bindery on Friday, August 1. The Print Shop will, therefore, not be operating for a week or so.

Correction of Performance Notice

The performances of Chekhov's "The Harmfulness of Smoking Tobacco" and "Swan Song," scheduled for July 22 and July 23 in the Lurie Room, Main Library, were cancelled because of scheduling problems on the part of the producer of the sketch, and not due to illness on the part of Robert Mooney, the actor. Mr. Mooney is in excellent health and hopes to do the show at a future date for the Library.

Commission Retains Library Planning Consultant

A distinguished library consultant, Mr. Robert S. Meyer, has been retained by the Library Commission to help plan for the Main Library bond issue. Mr. Meyer received his M.A. in Librarianship from the University of Chicago and his M.A. in PUblic Administration from John F. Kennedy University in Martinez, California. Mr. Meyer has also been a lecturer at the School of Librarianship at the University of California in Berkeley and head librarian at the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

Fire in the Western Addition Branch

The Western Addition branch suffered a small fire on Thursday, July 24, at about 7:00 p.m. The Fire Department believes the fire started in a waste basket. The branch was closed on Friday and Saturday for cleaning. Damage included the Children's Librarian's desk, two chairs, a few books, flooring, etc. Thanks to the engineering, janitorial and Western Addition staff for their cooperation and hard work in quickly getting the branch back in shape.

Movie Tickets Available

Tickets (loge tickets at $2.75) are available from Charles Fracchia in the Librarian's Office for the special showings on August 6 of "Bite the Bullet" at the Alexandria Theatre. These discount tickets are available to any members of the SFPL staff and their guests.

Correction to FREE

The August issue of FREE lists "Colonial and Revolutionary America," a talk by Dr. James Browne, as being held on Thursday, August 28, 7:30 p.m., at Parkside Branch. The date is incorrect. The program will be given on MONDAY, AUGUST 25 (same time, same place). Any help you can give in correcting copies of FREE will be greatly appreciated.

GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

Once again to the Official Bullsheet Editor:

The tombstone...when will it depart??? Does it want my initials or my brides???

Necrophilia and Totenrauber
von Climax

(Ed. Response: Perhaps some complaining person will take this opportunity to seize and hide the offending object--a cheerful, harmless incident similar to the annual attempt to steal the Stanford ax.)

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

To Children's Librarians

You will be receiving Bicentennial Booklists, and a Summary Calendar and Film Discussion Guide on the American Issues Forum which you can fold out and post. If there are requests as to which books may be obtained in Braille or as Talking Books, such requests may be referred to O.C.S.

Special Bicentennial Program

Buttons, the advance clown ambassador of Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus, will present an audio-visual show on the 200-year-old history of the American circus in the Children's Room, Main Library, and in several branches during the next few weeks. He will appear at Western Addition Branch on Saturday, August 9, at 10:30 a.m., and on the same day at 3:00 p.m. in the Children's Room, Main Library. Next week's schedule will appear in next Friday's bulletin.

Film Programs for Children

WEST PORTAL BRANCH. Wednesday, August 6, at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (preschool)--"Chicks and Ducks; also, at 4:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up)--"Looking at Legends."

GOLDEN GATE VALLEY BRANCH. Wednesday, August 6, at 10:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (preschool)--"Someone's Hiding."

PORTOLA BRANCH. Saturday, August 9, at 2:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up)--"Red Balloon."

Dial-A-Story (626-6516)

"The Porcupine Snowball," an Iroquois Indian folktale, told by Ms. Karen Jing, Early Childhood Specialist.

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CETA Stay

The following communication was received from Mr. Robert Won, Coordinator of the Mayor's Office of Manpower: "The Mayor's Office and Board of Supervisors have agreed that the resolution as passed on July 28 was inconsistent with the Board's intention to allow sufficient time for Civil Service reclassification of the subject participants. The Civil Service Memorandum of July 30 is therefore amended to delete the August 1 date of the first paragraph and substitute September 2. The second and last paragraphs are stricken."

CETA Personnel Announce They Will Fight Pay and Classification Cuts

Sparked by outraged CETA librarians, a substantial portion of the CETA personnel have given notice that they will terminate employment if the city refuses to fund overage pay and keep proper job classifications. Many library CETA staff persons are now actively engaged in campaigning for a continuation of current pay schedules when the matter comes up before the Board of Supervisors in early September.

Opera Tickets for Sale

Two seats together on the aisle, second row of Dress Circle, are available for the opera productions "Werther" (Saturday, October 25) and "Simon Boccanegra" (Saturday, November 1) at $16.50 each from Kay Roberts, West Portal Branch, 566-4584.

Security Engraving

Mr. George Cerasi and Mr. Al Campos announce that they are having all library equipment engraved for security reasons, and ask that all cooperate in getting this done.

BARC Forms

BARC Subject Request Forms will be kept in the Stock Room from now on, and should be ordered from the Stock Room on a requisition blank. The form number is 950.

Defective Copies of Books

All defective copies of books received in the departments and branches should be returned to the Order Department, ATTN: Claims Desk. Please send a note stating what is wrong with the book. The Order Department will return the book to the publisher and request a new copy.

GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

Dear Persons:

I saw a poster recently on a MUNI bus in which there were a great many literary giants of all the ages depicted in a group black and white portrait, most of them wearing business suits. The caption was: "MEET ME AT THE S.F. PUBLIC LIBRARY."

Would you be so kind as to inform me if I may obtain copies of this poster, and how that may be done.

That poster is dynamite!

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Lanson Moles

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Dear Dr. Starr:

May I express my appreciation for the manner in which the Library helped me with a special request--facilities for making copies of several hundred illustrations from books at different departments of the Main Library.

This project, on the theme of the early history of our State, arose from my article, "The First

Picture Show," published in the current (Summer) issue of the California Historical Quarterly.

Realizing the limitations of space in the building, and that your librarians already have many demands on their time--also because of the costs of hiring a professional photographer--I was concerned about the difficulties of bringing all the elements together.

Your Chief of the Main Library, Mr. William Ramirez, however, was able to coordinate the assembly--despite a coincidence that this was just prior to his departure on vacation--so that, with the continuing attention of the Secretary, Ms. Collins, the operation was able to take place on July 29th with smoothness and dispatch. The page, David Marconi, efficiently gathered the books from the various departments in advance so we were able to proceed without wasting time. Ms. Hansen of the Special Collections graciously permitted the use of a table in her department for the photographic set-up of about three hours. And, prior to this, Ms. Ashe and others in the Art and Music Department had provided informative services, as had the librarians in Science, Periodicals, History and at the Main Catalogue.

While some other City agency might well have looked upon such additional work as an imposition and a nuisance, yet the Main Library's Mr. Ramirez and staff were at all times most constructive and helpful. The privilege of using your collections and the valued assistance of all involved is hereby acknowledged with my sincere thanks.

Yours truly,

Geoffrey Bell

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Dear Mr. Starr:

It gives me great pleasure to tell you of the excellent service provided by the literature research department of our public library. Recently, I was "stumped" by not being able to find the source of a quotation widely used, viz: "Chacun a son gout." My books--both in French and in English--yielded no information. I called the

library. The young lady who listened to my tale of frustration said she would do her best (with help from one of your French speaking employees) and would call me. She did so, in a short space of time--with "Chapter & Verse." It was a quote from one of Montaigne's essays--she even had the number, line, etc.

Her apparent interest, and our mutual feeling of triumph, were delightful.

This is not the first time I have met with most pleasant assistance--but it is high time I called your attention to it.

Sincerely,

Edith Green

P. S. The information will be passed on to the membership of the French club at CLIR. Not one of us knew the source!

May I add that I enjoyed your talk to the CLIR membership last spring, and that I think you're accomplishing great things.

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Dear Editor of the Official Bullsheet:

Wir sind sehr dankbar über das Verschwinden des furchbares Grabmals. Hofentlich war es nicht ein Fall der Grabschandung.

Beglückwünschung zu Ihre Arbeitsleistung.

Necrophilia und Totenrauber
von Climax

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Necrophilia and Totenrauber von Climax,

In the defense of the Editor's reasoning:

If you don't know the answer to your questions after three (3) weeks, OBVIOUSLY, your way of thinking is as archaic as the history behind your names.

Leave Well Enough Alone

GRATEFULLY RECEIVED (cont.-3)

(Ed. Response: The "objet d'art" which so mournfully graced General Reference is gone. Pequiescat en pace.)

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

All children are invited to the GREAT SAN FRANCISCO READIN' Celebration on September 6 at 2:00 p.m. in the Veterans' Auditorium. Children's Librarians are distributing tickets. A report on the anticipated attendance will be requested at the August 29 meeting.

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Special Bicentennial Program

"BUTTONS" THE CLOWN:

Marina Branch, Tuesday, August 12, 3:30 p.m.
Park Branch, Wednesday, August 13, 10:30 a.m.
Richmond Branch, Wednesday, August 13, 3:00 p.m.
Excelsior Branch, Thursday, August 14, 10:30 a.m.
Mission Branch, Thursday, August 14, 3:00 p.m.
Golden Gate Valley Branch, Friday, August 15, 3:00 p.m.
Eureka Valley Branch, Saturday, August 16, 10:30 a.m.
Noe Valley Branch, Saturday, August 16, 3:00 p.m.

Film Programs for Children

PARKSIDE BRANCH. Tuesday, August 12, at 10:30 a.m. (pre-school)--"Animate and Inanimate Objects"; and at 3:30 p.m. (ages 6 and up)--"Writers of Children's Books."

RICHMOND BRANCH. Tuesday, August 12, at 3:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up)--"Beauty in Color and Design."

SUNSET BRANCH. Tuesday, August 12, at 10:30 a.m. (pre-school)--"Friends"; and at 3:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up)--"Native Americans."

EXCELSIOR BRANCH. Thursday, August 14, at 4:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up)--"Racial Pride."

Dial-A-Story (626-6516)

"The Three Little Kittens" from Mother Goose, and a poem, "My Kitten is Hiding Under a Chair," told by Mrs. Linda Geistlinger, Early Childhood Specialist.

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Library Clerical Workers to Meet at Knights' Restaurant

From Nancy Kelly, History Department: "On Friday, August 22, at noon, there will be a Local 400 union meeting for all clerical workers in the library. The meeting is at Knights', across the street from the Main Library. People may buy lunch at Knights' or bring their own. The purpose of the meeting is to establish an organized clerical section in the library (including pages, clerks, techs, etc.). We encourage all clerical workers to attend."

Librarians' Guild Meeting

The Guild Committee on Collective Bargaining has drafted a questionnaire of tentative priorities. A special meeting on this subject will be held on Thursday, August 21, in the Commission Room at 6:30 p.m. The discussion should generate further ideas so that our survey of the membership will be quite thorough.

Guild actions on CETA librarians--if CETA librarians are terminated next month--will also be discussed.

Also, if any member is not receiving the monthly minutes, please let Mr. Dan Tatko know. The computer mailing occasionally goes awry.

Movie of the Month

This month the movie being offered to the staff and guests of the San Francisco Public Library is "The Fortune," with Jack Nicholson and Warren Beatty, at the Metro Theatre on September 3. Tickets are discounted to $2.75 for loge seats. For tickets, bring money or send check (payable to United Artists Theatre Circuit) to Charles Fracchia, City Librarian's Office.

Books Needed at West Portal

The West Portal Branch has scheduled a series of book discussions relating to the Bicentennial. Any copies of the following titles would be appreciated: the Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin; The Uprooted by Oscar Handlin; My Name is Aram by William Saroyan; and The Crucible by Arthur Miller. Books would be returned during September. For further information, please contact Kay Roberts at West Portal Branch.

Ford Stalls on Education Appropriations

The following communication was received from the Office of the State Librarian. It refers to LSCA funds for 1975-76.

"President Ford vetoed education appropriations (HR5901) July 25. House veto override attempt now scheduled for September 9. It is extremely important that all representatives and senators hear from their constituents about importance of veto override. Try to get a commitment as to how each will vote. Congress plans to recess for entire month of August, so many members of Congress will be in home states. See that your entire state delegation hears as many of their constituents as possible. September 9 veto override attempt in House must succeed."

Resolution of Thanks Received from ALA

A resolution of thanks was received from the ALA for hosting the annual ALA conference this past summer. Mayor Alioto, Dr. Starr, Gil McNamee and Roberto Esteves were singled out by name in the resolution.

Advisory Council Meeting Notes for August 6, 1975

-- Pilfering and other security problems were discussed. Thefts of city and personal property--taking place during weekends--have increased greatly in the past few weeks. Mr. Cerasi outlined the steps he was taking to solve the problem.

-- Dr. Starr pointed out the need for alerting members of Congress, during their August vacations, on the need for LSCA funds for 1975-76.

-- G. P. Stokes briefed the Advisory Council on the work of the Library Planning Committee in planning for the new Main Library, and the progress in preparing for the required bond issue to be placed on the November 1976 ballot.

Advisory Council Meeting (cont.)

-- Dr. Starr described actions he had taken to protect the status of our CETA librarians and declared his strong support for maintaining their identification as professionals. He praised the efforts of Susan Rockwell and others in organizing the CETA librarians, and strongly recommended that they work closely with Billie Pearl-Schuler, head of KLA, in the political moves.

-- Dance archives are being established in the Presidio Branch. Dr. Starr described the collection and its present and potential value to the SFPL.

Education Committee

Reminder: all staff members who wish to pursue further education this Fall must send a letter of intent to Derrold Etheley, Affirmative Action Officer, by August 22.

The Education Committee will respond to all requests by September 1.

Blessed Event

Congratulations to Joe Phillips (Stockroom) and his wife Mary on the birth of their first child, a son, on August 2. Little Aundre Phillips weighed in at 7 lbs. 4 oz.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Reprints of the article "Exploration San Francisco: Let the Children Be Your Buides," which appeared in the June 1975 issue of Top of the News, have been delivered to the Children's Librarians. One copy should be put in the Reading Guidance Kits, and copies should be made available to the children in the Advisory Councils.

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Buttons, the advance clown ambassador of Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey Circus, appeared to an appreciative audience at Western Addition Branch and the Children's Room (Main Library) last Saturday, August 9. Following a busy schedule at several branches this week, his next appearance will be at West Portal Branch on Monday, August 18, at 3:00 p.m.

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FROM THE O.C.S. (cont.)

Film Programs for Children

CHILDREN'S ROOM, MAIN LIBRARY. Wednesday, August 20, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (preschool)--"Imagination Tells the Tale"; and at 4:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up)--"Traditional Stories."

NOE VALLEY BRANCH. Wednesday, August 20, at 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. (preschool)--"Circus Animals"; and at 2:30 p.m. (ages 6 and up)--"Gerald McDermott Films."

GLEN PARK BRANCH. Thursday, August 21, at 10:30 a.m. (preschool)--"Mouse Tales"; and at 2:30 p.m. (ages 6 and up) --"Dreams."

GOLDEN GATE VALLEY BRANCH. Thursday, August 21, at 10:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (preschool)--"Curious George" Festival.

Magic Show

MISSION BRANCH. Wednesday, August 20, at 3:00 p.m.--Christopher Abbe, 12-year-old magician.

Dial-A-Story (626-6516) - August 18 to 24

"The Fog," a tale from the Nez Perce Indians, told by Ms. Karen Jing, Early Childhood Specialist.

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Advisory Council Meeting--August 20, 1975

Ms. Anne Kincaid brought an article from the July 1975 Library Journal ("The Public Library Goals and Objectives Movement: Death Gasp or Renaissance?") to the attention of the Advisory Council.

The need for determining goals for the San Francisco Public Library, as an integral part of the planning for the new Main Library, was discussed. The means of determining these goals, in collection building and services to the public, will be discussed at the next meeting.

Ms. Goodwin reviewed the various annual reports required of the Library. The Annual Report to the Mayor, due August 29, was discussed. All staff members responsible for assisting Ms. Goodwin in the preparation of this report are urged to submit the portions assigned to them as soon as possible.

Contingency plans for library operations during the police strike were discussed and submitted to the City Librarian.

Urban Paranoia at Police Strike Reflected at SFPL

Hounded by the spectre of looters and muggers rampant because of the defection of the City's "finest", librarians called upon Dr. Starr to close the library well before dark in order to give the SFPL staff the opportunity to scamper home in daylight, and bring up the drawbridges. The Main Library and all branches closed at 8:00 p.m. on the first two nights of the police strike; and at 6:00 p.m. thereafter. A patron was heard to mutter as he left his research on one of those nights: "Why in San Francisco, city of crime, can't I get mugged?"

Announcement of 1975 Exams for California County Librarian Certificates

On Friday, November 14, the examination for the County Librarian certificate will take place at the Sutro Library.

...Exams for California County Librarian...(cont.)

Final filing date is October 3, 1975. Application forms may be obtained by request to Ethel S. Crockett, Chairman Ex Officio, Board of Library Examiners, California State Library, P. O. Box 2037, Sacramento 95809.

Discount Movies

There continue to be discount tickets (loge seats at $2.75) for the following three movies: "The Fortune," "Singin' in the Rain," and "Fantasia". For further information and tickets, call Charles Fracchia (558-4235).

KEEP LIBRARIES ALIVE PETITIONS

"Please return KLA petitions as they are filled out to Debby Sommer, Science Dept.; Susan Rockwell, Literature Dept.; or KLA Headquarters. Contact these same people if you need blank petitions or cover letters. Send by August 27.

"On Monday night the Main Library passed the 100 mark on completed petitions. Hope the branches are doing even better."

--Susan Rockwell

BOOKBRIDGE PROJECT

"In September the Bookbridge project for public library service to homebound San Franciscans will be one year old in terms of actual delivery of service. It began as a pilot project in one neighborhood, with three volunteers serving three homebound clients.

"In June the project began expanding city-wide, and is now serving 26 persons from Golden Gate Valley, West Portal and Chinatown branches. Eighteen volunteers have delivered more than one thousand books and periodicals to the homes of shut-ins since the project began.

"Thirty-three additional persons are currently waiting for service, mostly in the areas served by the Main Library and the Excelsior Branch.

Expansion of the project was made possible by the presence of the CETA-funded librarians, with the provision that

the project will cease to grow when CETA ends, although outside funding sources are being investigated.

"In any event, Bookbridge will continue to serve its present homebound clients, and anyone interested in the service should be referred to Golden Gate Valley Branch."

--Joe Sugg
Golden Gate Valley Branch

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

A seminar for people working with children ("Comparing Books and Motion Pictures") was presented by Mrs. Joanna Foster at the meeting of Children's Librarians on August 8. Three different book-film relationships were discussed: "London Bridge is Falling Down," a film using the art work from the book by Peter Spier; "Swimmy", animated film made by Leo Lionni, who wrote and illustrated the book; and "Punch and Jonathan," a live-action film by Bill Binzen, who created the book as well. Heightened awareness and appreciation of each as an art form can help children's librarians select and use both books and films with more flexibility, imagination and enjoyment.

Mrs. Foster wrote and directed the film "The Lively Art of Picture Books" and has made five films, including the prize-winning "The Pleasure is Mutual," since being with Connecticut Films Inc. Her experience includes teaching children's literature and writing for children. She has lectured on the making of books and on visual literacy. Actively involved in developing film services and programs for the public library, she is currently chairperson of the Connecticut Library Association.

This was another opportunity for professional growth provided by Miss Effie Lee Morris, Children's Coordinator, and was much appreciated by the Children's Librarians.

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Film Programs for Children

MISSION BRANCH. Wednesday, August 27, at 10:00 a.m. (preschool)--"Magic"; and at 2:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up)--"A Touch of Magic and a Little Fun."

CHINATOWN BRANCH. Thursday, August 28, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (preschool)--"Let's Go to the Zoo"; and at 3:00 p.m.--"Reflections."

OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES (cont.)

MERCED BRANCH. Thursday, August 28, at 2:00 p.m. (pre-school)--"Funny Foods"; and at 4:00 p.m.--"I Wish for a Fish--What About You?"

EXCELSIOR BRANCH. Thursday, August 28, at 4:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up)--"Racial Pride."

Dial-A-Story (626-6516)--August 25-31

"Let's Play!", children's games in nursery rhymes, told by Ms. Linda Geistlinger, Early Childhood Specialist.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #23

August 22, 1975

FAREWELL TO: Ms. Linda Whittier, Library Tech. Asst. I (CETA), Richmond Branch
Mr. Roy Beausoleil, Library Asst. (CETA), Parkside Branch
Mr. Bruce Lerro, Library Page, Branch Room
Mr. John Temme, Library Page (CETA), Catalog Dept.
Mr. Larry Padilla, Library Asst. (CETA), Art & Music Dept.
Ms. Imogene Walker, Library Asst. (CETA), Periodicals Dept.
Mr. Harle Kise, Library Tech. Asst. I (CETA), History Dept.
Ms. Tillie Jang, Librarian I-PT, History Dept.
Ms. Patsy Williams, Library Page (CETA), Waden Branch
Mr. Robert Long, Library Asst. (CETA), Eureka Valley Branch

WELCOME TO: Mr. David Saltzer, Account Clerk (CETA), Secretary's Office
Mr. Clayton Der, Elevator Operator (CETA), Main Library
Mr. Russell Hartley, Staff Aide (CETA), Presidio Branch
Ms. Monique Etchevers, Librarian I, Richmond Branch

ASSIGNMENTS:

Ruth Gray, Librarian I (CETA), to West Portal Branch
Monique Etchevers, Librarian I, to Richmond Branch
Mary Landgraf, Librarian II, to Richmond Branch

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS:

As you know, a legal opinion was handed down last year that public employers may not grant religious holidays off with pay. Any employees wishing to be off during the upcoming religious holidays must receive approval from their supervisors. Wherever possible without curtailment of public services, such permission should be granted. (Vacation pay may be granted if so requested.)

REPORTING ABSENCES:

Whenever it is necessary to be absent, staff members should notify their supervisor as soon as possible. If the branch head cannot be reached, please call the cluster head. If neither can be reached nor your department head, please call the Chief Librarian in charge or (as a last resort) the Personnel Office. Such information is necessary for the proper staffing of each department. Each department is requested to notify the Library Personnel Department regarding such absences during the first eight (calendar) days of each pay period so that timesheets can be changed and timerolls properly report the actual work performed. In this manner paychecks are as accurate as possible.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS:

Hours taken off for medical appointments (when not made up) should be reported on timesheets. When such time accumulates to eight hours within six months, a deduction from the sick pay account will be made accordingly.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #23 (cont'd)
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JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Librarian III, Head of Reference Department, Stanislaus County, $1086-$1315/mo. Qualifications include M.L.S. from A.L.A. accredited school plus at least three years in reference. "Supervisory experience is very desirable." Apply to: County Personnel Office, Room 305, Courthouse, 1100 "I" Street, Modesto, CA. 95354 Phone 209/526-6341. Final filing date: August 29, 1975.

Assistant City Librarian, City of Monterey (Bulletins are available in S. F. Library Personnel Office) Qualifications are M.L.S. from A.L.A. accredited schhol plus three years of public library experience, the last two years in a supervisory capacity. Apply to: Monterey Public Library, 625 Pacific Street, Monterey, CA. 93940.

Coordinating Librarian, Serra Regional Library System, $13,192. Qualifications are M.L.S. from A.L.A. accredited school plus two years of professional library experience. Final filing date: September 1, 1975. Apply to: Peter Ahlstrom, System Coordinator, Serra Regional Library System, 5555 Overland Avenue, San Diego, CA. 92123.

OVERTIME EARNED FOR LIBRARIAN II's AND III's:

When it is necessary to work overtime, such time must be approved by the Chief Librarian in charge in advance of such time worked. When overtime is necessary on a Sunday, such overtime must be limited to the five hours of public service time. All overtime, including overtime earned, must be recorded on timesheets submitted to Personnel Department at the straight time rate. When overtime used is taken, such must be noted on the timeshcets according to previous instructions. Overtime should be used for emergencies only and the use of overtime must be restricted as much as possible.

COUNCIL ON LIBRARY RESOURCES, INC.

Academic Library Management Intern Program 1976-77.

The Council on Library Resources will again provide an opportunity for up to five mid-career librarians of outstanding leadership potential to participate in its management intern program.

The Program: Each successful candidate will spend the 1976-77 academic year working closely with the director and top administrative staff of one of the country's great academic libraries, selected for its recognized administrative excellence. The individual programs of the interns will vary, as is inevitable in any activity based on personal relationships and interactions. In every case, however, the goal will be to expose the intern intimately and uniquely to the ways a director of a large academic library deals with the array of problems, long-term and short-term, that must be faced each day.

The Award: The internship covers a full year, with ten months spent at the host institution and one month in preparation of a report to the Council. The remaining month is considered annual leave.

Under the program, interns will receive an amount equal to the normal basic salary and benefits (up to a total of $20,000) that were paid by their employers during academic year 1975-76. The Council will also provide some assistance for costs of moving and for certain travel expenses.

Qualifications: Applicants must be librarians with at least five years of library experience at a professional level, under 45 years of age, and citizens of the U.S. or Canada or with resident status in either country. They should be individuals who have demonstrated the qualities of intellect personality, and character required for leading positions in academic librarianship. With their applications, candidates will submit transcripts of their college and graduate school records.

Application Procedures: Interested librarians may receive application forms by sending a self-addressed envelope to: Management Intern Committee, Council on Library Resources, One Dupont Circle--Suite 620, Washington, D. C. 20036.

Nominations: The Committee will welcome nominations of appropriate candidates for the awards.

Timetable: Completed applications must be postmarked no later than December 1, 1975. The names of the successful candidates will be announced in April 1976.

COUNCIL ON LIBRARY RESOURCES, INC.

Advanced Study Program For Librarians 1976-77.

In order to help meet the continuing need of research and academic libraries for librarians with advanced study competence to work effectively with faculty, graduate students, and other scholars, the Council on Library Resources is inaugurating an Advanced Study Program for Librarians.

The Program: This program will enable up to five well-qualified librarians to pursue a year of full-time graduate work in a scholarly discipline--one traditionally considered within the "liberal arts and sciences"--at a graduate school of distinction in the chosen field of study. The program is not intended to support work in "professional" areas such as library science, business administration, or management. Candidates will be evaluated on the basis of written credentials, college and graduate school records, and personal interviews; emphasis will be placed on the record of scholarly achievement and on a statement of goals presented by the candidate.

The Award: Scholarships cover study for one academic year. Successful candidates will receive stipends of up to $15,000, based on salary and normal benefits received from the home institution for a comparable period during 1975-76. The award also covers graduate school tuition and fees for 2 semesters or 3 quarters and some assistance for appropriate moving costs (up to $500 for single persons, up to $1000 for those with families to relocate). The award is contingent upon the applicant's acceptance at an approved graduate school.

Requirements: Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Age 50 or under.
- Master's degree in library science from an accredited school.
- 5 years of professional library experience.
- Citizen of Canada or the U. S. or with resident status in either country.
- A demonstrated interest and competence in the scholarly discipline of of choice as indicated by graduate work already done.
- Qualities that will facilitate work with persons of high scholarly attainment.
- A leave of absence to cover the period of study.

Timetable: Completed applications must be postmarked no later than November 8, 1975. Awards will be announced in April 1976 for study to begin within the 1976-77 academic year.

Application Procedures: Interested librarians may receive application forms by sending a self-addressed #10 envelope or mailing label to: Advanced Study Program for Librarians, Council on Library Resources, Suite 620, One Dupont Circle, Washington, D. C. 20036.

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The Rival of Sherlock Holmes

His anger roused by the continuing petty thievery in the Main Library, his compassionate nature set aside because of these dastardly deeds, and his acute, deductive mind set into motion by the challenge of capturing this predator, George Cerasi bided his time and swooped down like an avenging hawk on the unsuspecting culprit.

In the hands of the police now is an SFPL janitor, the alleged thief--found with the goods.

Thanks to our intrepid Library super-sleuth, George Cerasi.

Commissioner Gaines in *New York Times*

Library Commissioner Ernest Gaines has written an article on his The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman, which appeared in the August 10 issue of the New York Times Book Review, page 23.

SALUDOS AMIGOS!

"The San Francisco Fire Department Numismatic Society invites you to their fourth anniversary banquet (Mexican Motif), to be held at Gino's Restaurant, 7 Spring Street, on October 25.

"Don your sombreros, sarapes, and zapatos and enjoy an evening of good food, good companionship, and good fun. You will long remember this gala evening. You may even be the lucky winner of one of the two door prizes: a TWENTY PESO MEXICAN GOLD COIN and a FIVE PESO MEXICAN GOLD COIN. If your

SALUDOS AMIGOS! (cont.)

luck does not stretch that far, there is always the Bingo table (free) with loads of prizes. How can you lose?

"Amigos, do dress colorfully. The no-host cocktail hour starts at 6:00 p.m. (delicious hors d'oeuvres will be served) --a superb prime-rib dinner at 7:00 p.m. (including wine). All of the above is offered at a cost of $11.00 per person.

"AY CARAMBA! don't wait till manana; call our President, Richard Walsh, today, 664-0757. Hasta la vista!"

--Laura Tordsen, Secretary
San Francisco Fire Department

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

All children are invited to the GREAT SAN FRANCISCO READIN' CELEBRATION on September 6, 2:00 p.m., at the Veterans' Auditorium. The program will include the Pickle Family Jugglers, a story told by Ms. Alice Jacobs, Children's Librarian, and the Swahili Dancers and Drummers. One ticket will admit a child's whole family. Free tickets are available from the Children's Librarians.

This is the 13th summer that a citywide Summer Reading Program has been provided for the children of San Francisco by the Public Library. Although a familiar concept in other places, it was never provided here on a citywide basis until the arrival of Ms. Effie Lee Morris, Children's Coordinator, in 1963. Almost a generation of children have been motivated to read during the summer through this program. There is much to celebrate!

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The activities of Children's Services were mentioned in the August 1975 issue of Library Journal. The press conference on Fair Housing for Children, held in the Children's Room, is referred to on page 1366, and an item on page 1369 mentions the neighborhood information and referral file developed by Advisory Councils of Children.

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Dial-A-Story (626-6516) - September 2 through 7

"The Three Wishes," told by Ms. Linda Geistlinger, Early Childhood Specialist.

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to the Staff

Ms. Adele Lampros wishes to thank the staff of the SFPL for their kindness during her recent illness. She extends her heartfelt appreciation to those staff members for their generosity.

Malvina Reynolds to Sing at BARC's Bicentennial Workshop

Malvina Reynolds, well known Bay Area folksinger, will perform with her daughter Nancy Schimmel at BARC's bicentennial workshop on Wednesday, September 17. She is scheduled to appear from 2:00 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.

Agendas for the workshop were distributed to all departments and branches last week. Please add these names to Wednesday's schedule in the 2 p.m. "to be announced" slot.

GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

To: Editor
Official Bulletin

Dear Sir:

I would like to commend the decision to close our Library early during the strike. We could not forsee the strike's quick end; had it gone on longer there might have been some grisly incidents in the dark for members of the Library staff--or anybody else--as thieves and muggers discovered a whole new field of professional growth.

Moreover the Library still does employ minors for page work and criminal injury to one of them could have given our department some really bad publicity if it could have been reasonably averted.

Then, also, there is a somewhat sentimental tendency to sympathize with the injured party in such cases.

Richard Rafael
North Beach Branch

GRATEFULLY RECEIVED (cont.)

To: Editor
Official Bulletin

Dear Editor:

I am writing on behalf of the entire Janitorial Department, regarding your lead item of August 29th.

While we appreciate your attempt at humor, we are not laughing! Our department has been as concerned about the thefts as the rest of the staff, more in fact. It seems to be a common habit that when anything disappears or something is amiss to blame the Janitors! None of us appreciate this, and it does little for department moral. We are as honest and moral as a group as any group of people. Just as there can be a thief in any other group there can be one in ours.

A few months back, sums of money were disappearing from one of the Library Departments. Janitors were suspect in that case too! When the thief (not a Janitor) was caught, they were quietly allowed to resign. We saw nothing about it in the "Official Bulletin."

If in this case you felt it necessary to say the thief was a Janitor, you should have also mentioned not only that he was a CETA but published his name as well. At least that way only the guilty party would suffer from the adverse publicity.

Some years back it was a common practice of newspapers, in describing a suspect to state the persons race only if that person were black. This was found to be a discriminatory practice, and further to encourage discrimination.

Need I say More?

Elizabeth Joiner
Janitor Sub-Foreman

INFORMATION DESK IN MAIN LOBBY

"A loose leaf manual for every volunteer worker at the Main Library Information Desk has been prepared by a committee headed by Helen Louise Weinstein, Secretary of the Friends' Board and Chairperson of the Desk Staff. The Manual provides every volunteer with facts about Library services, listings of personnel, and aids for locating materials and programs offered by the Main Library and branches.

Copies of the weekly meeting schedule are displayed at the desk and the volunteer on duty there gets the first compleint if a meeting doesn't appear on the schedule or has been cancelled without notice. If they are told of last minute changes, they can be of positive help.

Desk resources include the Thomas Street Guide to the city. Guides to locations within the Main Library, call number listings, and sheets giving a brief history of the building are available for Library patrons. The monthly copies of FREE are distributed at the desk, as are notices of Main and branch programs, and KLA materials.

INFORMATION DESK IN MAIN LOBBY (cont.)

The Information Desk welcomes your interest and hopes to be kept informed about Library developments so that the volunteers can give important service to the often bewildered patron looking for library cards, books, washrooms, or copy machines. The Desk is covered more than 60 hours per week by dedicated volunteers who brave the chill winds of the lobby to serve the public and fill a need. Their ranks include a retired librarian, a former school teacher, former social worker, store owner, a rabbi and an RN. Stop by and get to know these men and women personally. Please remember them when you have news or information concerning patrons or public service."

Vivian Goodwin

CIRCULATION SYSTEM AND BOOK DETECTION SYSTEM

Unfortunately, though the Board of Supervisors agreed that the CLSI circulation system and the book detection system were both cost effective and would save money, these two items were cut from the library's budget. We will naturally try again with supplementals and new budget requests and someday we will win--for our cause is right!

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The city-wide culmination program for Summer Reading - The Great San Francisco Readin' celebration will be held Saturday, September 6, 1975, 2:00 p.m. at the Veterans Auditorium. All children are invited. Free tickets are available from the Children's Librarians.

Children will receive their Summer Reading certificates and Great San Francisco Readin' mobiles at the individual branch programs. The Children's Room Main Library, culmination program will be held Monday evening, September 8, 7 pm. A puppet show by the Children's Advisory Council will be presented and two films "Dragon's Tears" and "Dragon Stew" will be shown. Parents are invited.

West Portal Branch will feature the film "And now Miguel" at the culmination program, Thursday, September 11, at 4:00 pm.

"The Red Balloon" will be shown at the culmination program at Sunset Branch, Thursday, September 11, 1975 at 4:00 pm.

Noe Valley Branch will present "Ghosts and Ghoulies" and "When Knights were Bold" at their program on Friday, September 12, 1975, at 3:30 pm.

A puppet show given by Kathleen Thomas and Annetta Pacheco, members of the Summer Reading Program, will be the highlight of the culmination Thursday, September 11, 1975, 4:00 p.m. at Eureka Valley Branch.

Other branch culmination programs will be held throughout September.

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Dial-A-Story (626-6516) - September 8-11
The Two Foolish Cats, a tale from Japan, told by Ms. Karen Jing, Early Childhood Specialist.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #24

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FAREWELL TO: Robert Williams, Management Assistant (CETA), City Librarian's Office
Ann Carey, Library Assistant (CETA), Office of Children's Services
Cal Hawthorne, Library Assistant (CETA), Catalog Department

HIRING PROCEDURES AND REQUISITION APPROVAL:

The following directive has been received from the Controller:

> "During a recent meeting of the Personnel Requisition Review Sub-Committee of the Mayor's Fiscal Policy Committee, it was brought to my attention that certain City departments are hiring personnel prior to the required approvals of the Mayor, Civil Service Commission and the Controller's Office.
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> This practice will not be tolerated in the future.
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> Approval of the requisition must be completed before the employee is hired."

Before anyone is hired or a classification is changed, please make sure that the Library Personnel Department has authority from City Hall to implement the change and pay the respective person.

MASTERS DEGREE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION OFFERED BY GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY:

This Fall, Golden Gate University will begin offering Master's Degree in Public Administration seminars at the Federal Building, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco. Dr. James R. Umphrey, Dean, Bay Area Programs, will be in Room 13-216C of the Federal Building from 10 am until 3 pm, Tuesday, September 9, to advise prospective students, and to help them process applications for admission.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Children's Librarian I - South Tacoma Branch, Tacoma Public Library. Salary: $9,480 to $11,505 - Depending on Experience. Responsible for children's services and assisting with the administration of the branch. Work includes readers' advisory and reference assistance, story telling and children's programming, review and book selection. Requirements include graduate of an A.L.A. accredited library school; professional or non-professional experience; ability to work with children and the public is essential and should be indicated in letters of recommendation forwarded with resume or as soon as possible. A background and experience in working with children is desirable. Send resume to: Director/Tacoma Public Library/1102 Tacoma Avenue South/ Tacoma, Washington 98402. Closing Date: September 23, 1975. Position Available: October 13, 1975.

Senior Accountant - City of Berkeley. Salary: $1361 - $1643. Qualifications: Any acceptable combination of the following experience and/or education requirements for a total of eight years: Experience: Progressively responsible, recent, full-time, paid experience in the field of professional management accounting, which has included the development and implementation of new accounting systems. At least two years of this experience must have been gained in a system comparable in complexity to the size of Berkeley's and at a level of responsibility similar to the Senior Accountant. Education: The equivalent of full-time attendance at an

Senior Accountant: accredited college or university with major coursework in accounting may be substituted on a year-for-year basis for up to four years of the above experience requirement. One year of graduate work in accounting may be substituted for an additional year of experience. Final filing date: Completed applications and resumes must be filed in the Personnel Department by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, September 11, 1975, or if mailed, postmarked not later than midnight September 11, 1975. Applications and information may be obtained from: City of Berkeley, Personnel Department, 2100 Grove Street, Berkeley, California 94704, 644-6460.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The following examination announcements have been issued by the Civil Service Commission:

CLASS	TITLE	STATUS	CLOSING DATE FOR FILING APPLICATIONS
5268	Architect	E & P	September 26, 1975
S-102-S-104	Municipal Railway Transit Operator	E	September 12, 1975
6262	Plan Checker (Architectural)	E & P	September 26, 1975
5266	Architectural Associate II	E & P	September 26, 1975
5260	Architectural Assistant I	E	begins September 15, 1975
5261	Architectural Assistant II	E & P	September 26, 1975
5265	Architectural Associate I	E & P	September 26, 1975
2556	Physical Therapist	E	File Immediately
5172	Street Repair Superintendent	P	September 19, 1975
2910	Social Worker	E & P	File Immediately
5247	Associate Sanitary Engineer	P	October 3, 1975

Further information may be obtained in the Personnel Office.

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DUST TO DUST, ASHES TO ASHES

R.I.P.

H A R V E Y C H U Z Z L E W I T

It is with great sorrow that we announce the untimely demise this week of the S.F.P.L.'s Official Bulletin editor, Mr. Harvey Chuzzlewit, Esq. In ill health for the past few months, Mr. Chuzzlewit expired from apoplexy and heart failure in the Main Library when he came across a smiling, friendly librarian.

The shock was too much for the genial Chuzzlewit, who for the past few months has been afflicted with numerous disorders--most seriously by necropilepsy, a combination of lassitude and fits. He was also plagued by a sense of déjà vu and ennui (called the Librarian's Evil), for which he was touched by Dr. Starr.

Alas, all to no avail. He consulted with physicians and gurus from throughout the world, but they all told him the same thing: The human condition is a difficult thing.

Mr. Chuzzlewit was born in the Emerald Palace in the City of Oz. He received his A.B. in belles lettres from the University of Ulan Bator and his doctorate from the University of Katmandu. His dissertation was on "The Influence of Poz Elmo Beledinco's Prose on the Jack London chapter in Americans and the California Dream."

Following a distinguished career teaching literature to Australian aborigines, Mr. Chuzzlewit began a brilliant literary career, contributing to such periodicals as the Rhoades Quarterly, the Palermo Review, and the York Gazette. He became editor of the S.F.P.L. Official Bulletin in early 1975.

Rumors that Mr. Chuzzlewit was killed by bravos as he was leaving a bagnio are absolutely unfounded.

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Harvey Chuzzlewit will be remembered for his lucid prose and his crusading ventures--novel, for bringing to the General Reference Department the splendid "Memento Mori," a marble sculpture attributed to Donatello.

The new editor joins the many friends of Mr. Harvey Chuzzlewit in wishing rest to his shade and a happy crossing of the Styx.

LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING--September 2, 1975

-- The Commission unanimously approved a resolution, which was forwarded to the Board of Supervisors, urging the Board to retain the CETA positions for the S.F.P.L.

-- The Commission authorized Ms. Anne Kincaid to travel to Austin, Texas, on October 15-16, to Los Angeles on September 17-18, and to Detroit on September 22-26; Ms. Eunice Parker to Los Angeles on September 19; Ms. Effie Lee Morris to Los Angeles on September 16 and September 26-28; Ms. Vivian Goodwin to Los Angeles on September 17-18; and Mr. Gilbert McNamee to Los Angeles on September 18-19.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Name Change

Ms. Margaret Jehu of Noe Valley Branch is now Ms. Margaret Wyatt.

New Number

The print shop has a new telephone number: 2689.

Show Time

Tickets (loge) for Hollywood classics "Singin' in the Rain" (September 24 at the Coronet Theatre) and "Fantasia" (October 8 at the Metro) are available to S.F.P.L. staff members and guests at $2.75 each. They may be obtained by calling Charles Fracchia, 558-4235.

Opera Tickets Available

Ms. Sue Critchfield of BARC (ext. 4942) has two San Francisco Opera balcony tickets for sale at $13 each. They are for "Simon Boccanegra" on October 29 and "Il Tabarro"/ "Gianni Schicchi" on November 12.

Change of Date

The California Historical Society exhibit "A Nation of Nations," scheduled to be at Anza Branch September 15-20, has been postponed, due to technical difficulties with the exhibit. In its improved form, the graphics exhibit will now be at Anza Branch October 14-18. Please change dates on posted and reference copies of FREE.

GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

Dear Commissioners:

As a school ager, I was a frequent user of San Francisco's public libraries. The quiet, orderly atmosphere became very special to me as my youthful mind discovered and explored the vast riches to be found in reading.

Then came the working years, and I started to purchase hard and soft cover books in an effort to build my own library. Except for occasional research, I no longer visited the public libraries.

Now, inflation and the soaring cost of books has caused me to look for savings in all areas, and so, back to the library. And, again, I have found the same peaceful and enjoyable surroundings at the West Portal Branch.

It is a pleasure to be back again as a regular user, and I feel grateful that this is one area in which there is no disappointment. You may be assured you can count on me as an enthusiastic supporter of our libraries--their upkeep and preservation.

Sincerely,

Albert J. Reyff

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If it is permissible for one librarian to commend another department in the system, may I compliment the Business Branch staff for the superb job they always do when helping both patrons and librarians. In particular, I'd like to thank Mike Arnold, whose expertise and courtesy have lately been very much appreciated in the General Reference Department.

Lisa Carlton

EXTENDED LIBRARY SERVICE?

It appears that the Literature Department is now taking in laundry. Ms. Nancy Nee reports that a pair of newly washed and wrung-out b.v.d.'s was recently left to dry on a radiator in the Foreign Literature room.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The GREAT SAN FRANCISCO READIN' CELEBRATION held last Saturday, September 6, 2:00 p.m., was a great success. Many positive responses have been heard and many of the 350 persons present asked if a similar program would be held next year. Miss Betty Schwabacher, Chairman of the 1975 Summer Reading Program, was a charming Mistress of Ceremonies. Miss Effie Lee Morris, Children's Coordinator, remarked that this is the 13th year of Summer Reading and a coming of age for the program. Children today are reading some of the same books as 13 years ago, such as This is San Francisco by M. Sasek. Now there are many paperbacks for children such as Deenie by Judy Blume and many more books about ethnic heritage. Miss Morris showed a Horn Book and the Battledore (these are in every branch) which some children were reading 200 years ago. The Children's Librarians were introduced to the audience as were Mr. Edward Callanan, President, and Mr. George Cerasi, Secretary of the Library Commission.

The Pickle Family Jugglers amazed the children with their skill and humor. A Summer Reader (a girl of 10) from the audience assisted them in their last act. Mrs. Alice Jacobs, Children's Librarian, held the children spellbound as she told the story "How the World Got Wisdom" from Adventures of Spider by Joyce Arkhurst. The final half-hour produced sheer delight in the observers. The Swahili Dancers and Drummers, a group of 15 costumed boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 15, presented African ceremonial dances. The four expert drummers entertained with solos and an exhibition of their individual styles. The final dances made it all a true celebration.

Miss Morris ended the program by saying that all the arts had been combined in a festival of reading. Children were encouraged to continue reading all year.

The program was funded by a line item in the budget and supplemented by funds from the Friends of the Library.

Thanks are due to Mr. Joe Lauricella, the electrician whose imaginative lighting made the program so effective, the supportiveness of the Veterans' Auditorium staff, San Francisco Public Library's janitorial staff, Recreation and Park Department for the decorative greenery, and to Miss Schwabacher and the Summer Reading Committee.

A special thank you to Miss Effie Lee Morris who always provides the igniting spark to the Children's Services staff.

Will it be possible to do it again next year?

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The Summer Reading Culmination Program at Mission Branch will be held Saturday, September 13. Miss Lillian Mancini, Children's

Librarian, will tell stories, and afterwards the children will make mobiles.

Parkside Branch will present the films "Gabrielle and Selena," "New Student, New Friends," "People Soup," and the "Strange Story of the Frog Who Became a Prince" at their Summer Reading Culmination on September 18, 4:00 p.m.

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DIAL-A-STORY 626-6516 September 15-21

"The Badger and the Boatmen," a Japanese tale, told by Mrs. Linda Geistlinger, Early Childhood Specialist.

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NEW EDITORS

As of this issue, the editorship of the Official Bulletin is being assumed by the Department of Public Information, and all materials intended for publication in the Bulletin should be directed to this office.

We welcome contributions from any and all departments, branches and individual employees, and we earnestly request your courtesy in observing the Wednesday noon deadline for submission of your news items, notices, anecdotes or whatever. Materials received in our office after the deadline must be held for the following week's Bulletin.

With your cooperation, we shall endeavor to present you with a weekly newsletter containing all the Library news that's fit to print. And we hope, with your permission, to have a little fun with our materials as well.

A MAJOR EXHIBIT

Valenti Angelo, one of the most respected book illustrators and illuminators in the country, is being honored by a major retrospective exhibit in the Main Library (second floor and Special Collections) during September and October.

Angelo is an important painter and sculptor, but he has devoted the greatest part of his career to books which he has written, designed, illustrated, illuminated, printed and published. He began his career in San Francisco with the world-famous Grabhorn Press, with which he was associated between 1927 and 1933. Nineteen of the books on which he worked there were honored by the American Institute of Graphic Arts in its annual "Fifty Books of the Year" awards. Included in those are the Grabhorn editions of Whitman's Leaves of Grass and the Voiage and Travaile of Sir John Maundevile. Both are on display in our exhibit and are considered among the half-dozen most beautiful books ever published in the United States.

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Concurrent with a major exhibit of his paintings there, Angelo moved to New York in 1933. He continued to paint and sculpt while accepting major book assignments from the Limited Editions Club, the Peter Pauper Press and others. In 1935 he became a publisher with the founding of the Golden Cross Press. Thirty of the books with which he was associated in this period were also honored by the AIGA. He has also written and illustrated 17 children's books, most of which are included in our exhibit.

The current Library exhibit is the most complete that has ever been assembled of Angelo's work.

OTHER EXHIBITS

"The Aztecs, People of the Sun" is the title of the colorful exhibit on the third floor, Main Library, which will remain on display until the end of October. It comes to SFPL through the courtesy of Mrs. Thelma Montellano, a local artist who specializes in painting enlargements of representations of Aztec gods and deities, to be found in those Aztec books (codices) which escaped destruction after the conquest of Mexico. The paintings exhibited are on amate, the same paper (made from the bark of a fig tree) which the Aztecs used for their codices.

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A color photography exhibit by Walter Jebe is on view at the Excelsior Branch throughout September. Mr. Jebe is an outer-Mission area camera-shop owner, a member of the Advisory Council for Friends of the Library, and a newly-appointed member of the Commission for Juvenile Delinquency Prevention. In the 1960's he spearheaded the drive to obtain the new Excelsior Branch Library, and he has donated to the branch a photo of the ground-breaking ceremony with himself and former Mayor John Shelley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advisory Council

Dr. Starr's Advisory Council meets at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 24, in the Commission Room. Those having business to bring before the Council should notify Mr. Griff Stokes before 5:00 on Monday, September 22.

CVRP at San Francisco Art Festival

The California Video Resource Project reminds you to look in on the Mobius Video Pavilion at the San Francisco Art Festival (September 24-28). Seventy-five videotapes, produced by Bay Area Artists, will be shown; and live video performance pieces are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, the 27th and 28th. The Pavilion hours are 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. daily. The Coordinator is Bonnie Engel of The Public Eye, also Coordinator of the Cable TV Task Force (558-2439).

"Bicentennial" Books Needed

West Portal Branch will appreciate the loan of books from other branches for its "Bicentennial Book Discussions" series. The next books being discussed are as follows:

Gentry, MADAMS OF SAN FRANCISCO 979.461 G28m
Arnow, DOLLMAKER Fiction
Commoner, CLOSING CIRCLE 614.7 C737c
Vogel, THIS COUNTRY WAS OURS 970.1 V862t
West, FRIENDLY PERSUASION Fiction

West Portal thanks you for your help and promises that your copies will be returned promptly after each discussion.

A Mysterious Disappearance

The Literature Department reports that "something happened" to all the reserves on Heller's Something Happened.

Will staff members who had reserves on the book please re-submit them? Thanks. And sorry.

Voter Registration

The voter registration drive for San Francisco residents continues at 25 branches of the San Francisco Public Library (all except Ortega and the Business Library) during all public service hours. In addition, there is a registrar in the Main Library evenings and weekends, when the Registrar of Voters office in City Hall is closed. The Library's "Whole World" bookmobile is also registering voters.

The voters' registration drive is a volunteer project of the Library staff, Local 400 of the Service Employees' Industrial Union, and the Registrar of Voters.

Personnel Note

New assignments: Mark Loberg, 3610 (CETA), to Merced Branch; Steven Duffy, 3616 (CETA) to Excelsior Branch.

NEWS FLASH! C.L.A. ELECTION RESULTS!

Results just announced show Anne Kincaid (Coordinator, Adult Services) as a Director of California Society of Librarians; Helen Cannon (Chinatown Branch) a CSL Councilor; and William Ramirez (Chief, Main Library) a CLA Councilor-at-large--all chosen for the 1976-78 term.

Carol Moss, formerly Assistant City Librarian at SFPL, is now Vice President/President Elect of the California Institute of Libraries. And Gil McNamee (of course) is CLA President during the 1976 Bicentennial Year.

DR. STARR'S SAD/GLAD WEEK

When queried by the acting editor whether he had anything for the O.B., Dr. Kevin Starr, City Librarian, replied that he had good news and bad news. On the one hand, he had lost his great and good friend, Harvey Chuzzlewit, a beloved and appreciated companion since Harvard days, when they were both on the crew team (and with whom he had co-authored a life of Baronius). On the other hand, he had gained a new friend in Mother Seton, who now joined Martin DePores as one of SFPL's patron saints.

WHITHER FRACCHIA?

Charles Fracchia, recently working full-time in the City Librarian's Office, is now dividing his time between that office and the San Francisco Consortium. He will be working on the Bicentennial project and on a library networking system for San Francisco, in addition to his ongoing responsibilities for Library fund-raising.

Mr. Fracchia "moonlights" as a free-lance writer and is a popular speaker and discussion leader at various single people's clubs and organization. He was recently the subject of a San Francisco Examiner article, which proclaimed him the "Guru to San Francisco Singles." He is also known for his remarkably close resemblance to the O.B.'s late, lamented editor, Harvey Chuzzlewit, Esquire. It is even rumored that a few library employees, having read Mr. Chuzzlewit's obituary last week, were beset with nervous disorders after encountering Mr. Fracchia in the hall. We trust that this explanatory note will serve to prevent any further mishaps of that nature.

BUT GRANDMA LIVES!

To the Official Bulletin:

Services in memory of my late grandson will be held in the staff Men's Room at 12:00 on October 31, at which time a stake will be driven through his heart.

Both of his many friends are invited.

Donations to the Kevin Starr Slush Fund are preferred.

--Grandma Chuzzlewit

OUR BEWILDERED PATRONS

Last week a woman stopped by the Public Information Office with a valid complaint which earned our sympathy: she had looked all through the Shakespeare section many times and couldn't find Charley's Aunt anywhere...So get on the ball, Literature Department!

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

MAIN CHILDREN'S ROOM SUMMER READING PROGRAM CULMINATION PROGRAM
SEPTEMBER 8, 1975

"More than 50 adults and children attended the Main Children's Room special celebration of the end of the 1975 highly successful Great San Francisco Readin'. Members of the Main Children's Room Advisory Council, ranging in age from six to 15, staged a puppet show, Kenneth Grahame's The Reluctant Dragon, adapted into play form by Miss Judy Brownlow, Children's Librarian. By a vote of the cast, one of the leading characters, a boy, was changed to a girl.

"The children made their own puppets, which were both colorful and original, and they also designed and made the scenery. The stage was borrowed from the Children's Librarians of the Trip Trap Troupe. The play was directed by Miss Brownlow and Miss Audrey Wood.

"Rounding out the evening were two dragon films, "Tears of a Dragon" and "Dragon Stew," with a short book talk by Miss Wood. Summer Reading Program Certificates and the San Francisco mobiles were distributed at the end of the Program.

"The evening was a big success, for the children loved doing the puppet play and the audience loved watching it. One parent suggested that there be a repeat performance at some special time in the future so that more people could get to see it."

--Audrey Wood, Children's Specialist
Main Children's Room

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The Summer Reading Program Culmination Program at North Beach Branch will include the films "Golden Fish" and "Swimmy" on Thursday, September 5, at 4:00 p.m.

Excelsior Branch will present the films "Dragon Stew," "Puss in Boots," "A Story, a Story" and the "Strange Story of the Frog Who Became a Prince" at their Summer Reading Culmination Program on Thursday, September 25, at 4:00 p.m.

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Dial-A-Story 626-6516 September 22-28

"The Flying Shoes," a folktale from the Ural Mountains of Russia, told by Mrs. Linda Geistlinger, Early Childhood Specialist.

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A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING

As we go to press Thursday afternoon, a special meeting of the Library Commission is preparing to convene to decide whether to endorse a bond issue in the 1976 election for the full cost of constructing a new Main Library on Marshall Square.

4:15 P.M. FLASH: THE VOTE--A UNANIMOUS "YES"!
THE AMOUNT--$59 MILLION!

NEW LIBRARY COMMISSIONER

Henry Miller Bowles, financier and patron of the arts, has been appointed to the Library Commission by Mayor Alioto to serve in the position vacated four weeks ago through the resignation of author Ernest Gaines.

Commissioner Bowles, who was sworn in on Wednesday, September 24, is a descendant of California pioneer Henry Miller, founder of the Miller-Lux ranch. The President of Miller-Lux, Inc., and a trustee of Grace Cathedral, Commissioner Bowles has formerly served as President of the Friends of the Library, as President of the California Historical Society, and as an officer in several other historical and cultural organizations.

BARC'S BICENTENNIAL ROUNDUP

Two hundred and forty-one people attended BARC's two-day workshop on "America's Bicentennial" on Wednesday and Thursday, September 17 and 18. Librarians from as far away as San Bernardino County came to participate. The program was a varied one. Songwriter Malvina Reynolds and her daughter Nancy Schimmel sang folksongs relating to America's history. The history of San Francisco in 1776 was told by Father John McGloin, S.J., of U.S.F. Mr. John Schonleber discussed the

American Issues Forum, and Miss Effie Lee Morris spoke about her participation in preparing the children's reading list for the Forum.

Richard Reineccius, Coordinator of the Library's American Issues Forum project, spoke on planning discussion-provoking programs related to America's Bicentennial, using speakers, videotapes, films, etc. And John Hall of the Sacramento Public Library showed slides of his library's various Bicentennial projects. Two movies were shown: "American Time Capsule" and "The American Issues Forum." A ten-table exhibit of Bicentennial books and materials, prepared by the BARC staff, was on display in the meeting room each day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Muni Passes

Municipal Railway "senior passes" will now be sold, from the 25th of each month until the fifth of the succeeding month, at the following branches: Eureka Valley, Excelsior, Ingleside, Merced, Ortega, Parkside, Visitacion Valley and West Portal.

No Parking

A reminder on parking in the area off McAllister Street: only vehicles assigned to parking slots are allowed in same. No other vehicles are allowed with the exception of city cars on official business with the Library.

Computer Classes

Allan J. Humphrey extends a special invitation to the SFPL staff to attend his University of California Extension course, "Introduction to Computing for Librarians." The course provides an opportunity for practicing librarians to explore computer technology. The classes meet on the Berkeley campus from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursdays, September 25 through January 22. For further information, contact University Extension, University of California.

LIPC Institute Postponed

Friday and Saturday, November 14-15, are the new dates for the eighth annual Library Institutes Planning Committee institute on "The Catalog as a Reference Tool." The place is still Rickey's Hyatt House Hotel in Palo Alto. The date was changed to allow Paul Winkler, who heads the program and who

is editor of the forthcoming second edition of the Anglo-American Cataloging Rules, to attend a committee meeting in Paris on International Standard Bibliographic Description (ISBD).

Guest speakers, in addition to Mr. Winkler, will be Mr. Edward J. Blume, Jr., Chief of the Subject Cataloging Division of the Library of Congress, and Mrs. Mildred Nilon, Head of the Reference Department for University of Colorado Libraries.

If interested in making a reservation, phone Joseph E. Ryus, U.C.-Berkeley, 415-642-4144 during weekday hours, or 415-222-0846 at home. Because of the change in dates, there may be openings.

Congratulations!

A daughter, Claire Elizabeth, was born to Marcia (Mrs. Murray) Schneider of the Branch Room on Sunday morning, August 24.

Good News for Travelers

Are you an ex-Easterner bound home this Christmas? Char-Tours (World Travel Group Charters, Inc.) is offering ten round-trip flights to New York during the month of December for minimum fares of $199 to $219. Also featured is a San Francisco-to-Chicago flight, leaving December 20 and returning January 2, at $159. There are no membership fees or obligations, but reservations must be made 62 days in advance. For further information, drop in at the Char-Tours office, 605 Market Street, or call 495-8881.

BRANCH ROOM AUTHOR

Conyus Calhoun of the Branch Room has had an article, "Lament for a Neighborhood," published in the August 24 issue of California Living (the magazine section of the San Francisco Sunday Examiner-Chronicle). More articles by Mr. Calhoun--who publishes under the name "Conyus"--are expected to follow.

"Conyus" is also a poet whose work has appeared in several literary magazines and anthologies, and he is an editor of Black Scholar magazine. In addition to his literary talents, he excels as a gardener and a gourmet cook.

A SLIGHTED SAINT

William Laughrey of Mission Branch cautions us that "we should not slight our saint by mis-spelling his name." The reference is to SFPL's "patron saint," Martin de Porres (Spanish rolled rr), whose name was incorrectly printed in last week's O.B.

Thank you, Mr. Laughrey. We stand admonished--and chastened.

AN IDEAL SUPERVISOR?

In view of the current classes in Supervision, Elizabeth Joiner, Janitorial Department Sub-Foreman, calls our attention to a hand-lettered plaque, obviously of somewhat antiquated origin, listing "Ten Requirements of a Supervisor," as follows: the curiosity of a cat; the tenacity of a bulldog; the determination of a taxi-driver; the diplomacy of a wayward husband; the patience of a self-sacrificing wife [are there any left?]; the enthusiasm of a jitterbug [young people, see dictionary]; the good humor of an idiot; the simplicity of a jackass; the self-assurance of a college student; and the tireless energy of a bill collector.

Perhaps some employee with an experience of "bosses" will be inspired to try his own wit in defining the ideal supervisor? Anyone?

AROUND THE U.S.A. ON A BUS

Mrs. Dalisay Bocobo-Balunsat, General Reference Librarian, is bursting with enthusiasm over her recent "grand tour" of America via GREYHOUND BUS. Mrs. Bocobo-Balunsat and her husband greatly enjoyed traveling without the hassle of driving, "meeting the American people, feeling the pulse of 'real America' and conversing with tourists from all over the world," and being serenaded by the young folk-musicians in the back seats. Their tour took them across the plains and deserts of the midwest, to the major cities of the East, and into the Deep South as far as New Orleans. They visited college campuses, libraries, night clubs--name it, they were there! For further information about the joys of travel by bus (the Ameripass program), see Mrs. Bocobo-Balunsat--the best press agent Greyhound ever had.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

A pre-school art fair, exhibiting art made by children six years old and younger, was held at Merced Branch during August. Junipero Serra Children's Center, YMCA nursery school, and individual patrons participated. A collection of water-color paintings from a nursery school in Japan was included in the YMCA exhibit. The paintings had been received the week before the exhibit opened from two visiting Japanese nursery school teachers, who exchanged them for similar art works done in San Francisco. Mrs. Joyce Dixon, Children's Librarian, was pleased to meet and introduce to the children's room many parents as they came to view their children's art work and take pictures of the exhibit.

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Weekly pre-school story hours and other programs for children will resume in October in those branches having Children's Librarians.

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Film Program

Visitacion Valley Branch ("October Film Fun")	Wednesday, October 1	10:30 a.m. (pre-school) & 4:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up)

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Dial-A-Story (626-6516), September 29-October 5

"Coyote Rings a Bell," a Mexican tale, told by Ms. Karen Jing, Early Childhood Specialist.

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C.E.T.A. - ACT VII, SCENE XXVI

Funding for the CETA Librarians has been approved through June 1976, the Mayor's Office of Manpower Development announced Wednesday afternoon. Twenty-eight people are now breathing just a little bit easier.

However, this little drama hasn't reached the final curtain yet....funding has still not been approved for our AV Technician and seven Janitors who are also CETA employees. A decision on these positions has been promised by the end of next week....we think/hope that the decision will be affirmative. Keep your fingers crossed just one more week.

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

Between September 29 and October 24 all City employees are being asked to participate in the UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN (formerly known as the United Bay Area Crusade).

One hundred eighty-nine agencies serving the five Bay Area counties depend on this campaign for their financial support. More than 90 cents of every dollar donated goes to provide the needed services: this is the most efficient way to raise the money for valuable agencies.

Donor representatives will contact every Library employee with information and pledge cards. No one can tell you how much to give. However, if your income, obligations and concerns allow it, we hope you will participate generously in the UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN.

--Vivian Goodwin, Chairperson
SFPL United Way Campaign

"NAKED CAME THE BUDGET" - A MELLOWDRAMA IN SEVERAL PARTS

In late September, the third month of the fiscal year, SFPL finally received a copy of our operating budget for 1975/76. In most cases we would have had a legitimate complaint that it is impossible to intelligently plan our annual spending when funds and figures are withheld for one-fourth of the budget period. But in this case, what's the use?

It has already been announced that the book budget was cut, and that CLSI and the tattle-tape system will not be funded... but those items are only part of the story. Now that we have what appears to be the final official budget document, we'll try to summarize it in the next two or three issues of the O.B. We're sure you'll find it fascinating reading.

Last year the Library budget was $5,758,316. In May 1975, at what would normally have been the end of the budget process, it was announced that SFPL would receive $6,348,048 in the new fiscal year. While far from generous, that budget would have allowed some improvement in library services, notably the adoption of CLSI. But, even after the beginning of the new fiscal year, haunted by the specter of New York City, the Board of Supervisors just kept a-hacking and a-hewing...$307,000 worth from the Library.

Our total '75/'76 budget is $6,040,741, which is an increase of $282,425 (4.9%) over the '74/'75 figure. But don't expect that the Library will receive any significant advantage from that increase. The "system" and inflation will make it disappear--there will actually be much less money to operate the Library on in '75/'76 than there was last year. Watch closely....

Eighty-eight percent of the increase ($249,269) will be paid to Library employees as longevity increments and salary standardization raises. The budget shows the Library with 299 permanent positions, although 13 of those are "de-funded". (However, that doesn't mean we have 286 permanent employees working. In recent years, whenever one of these positions becomes open, it is almost certain that City Hall will "freeze" it [hold on to--not forward the requisition] for a few weeks to several months. Recently the Library has had as many as eleven such positions "frozen".)

One major problem, again this year, will be in the area of Page hours. Last year there was $349,000 in the Temporary Wages account. This year the total is $348,200, a decrease of $800. However, the decrease in Page hours will be much greater than it would appear such a small cut would necessitate. On July 1, 1974, a Library Page was being paid $2.59 an hour. Today they are paid $3.08 an hour, an increase of 18.9%. The end result will be fewer hours of work for our Pages and/or fewer Pages hired, and a reduction in public service.

You won't want to miss the next exciting episode of "Naked Came the Budget," where we'll deal with Library Materials, Services of Other Departments, and the ever-exciting Fixed Charges.

LUCKY NUMBER PROGRAM

With the Commission decision to go ahead with plans for a new main library bond issue, Griff Stokes will now devote full time to his Library Planning Coordinator assignment. He has moved out of the Librarian's Office and into the third floor office adjacent to the office of the Chief of Branches. His telephone number there will be 558-3830.

GUESTS OF THE LIBRARY

Two of the three offices carved out of BARC/Newspapers are now occupied.

On the left is the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods. Their Administrative Coordinator is Mary McMahon, who will maintain office hours of 9 am to 1 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The telephone number is 863-6200.

"The purpose of the Coalition is to provide San Francisco neighborhoods with continuing opportunity for discussion of areas of mutual concern; exchange of information of mutual benefit; and suggestion, initiation and/or coordination of community action appropriate to such mutual concerns."

Representatives of 25 neighborhood organizations participate in the Coalition.

The office on the right is now the home of the San Francisco Twin Bicentennial Committee for Neighborhood Bicentennial Celebrations. Michelle Anderson is the Coordinator of this group. Her hours will be 10 am to noon and 1 pm to 3 pm, Monday through Friday. They do have a 24 hour telephone answering service. The telephone number is 626-1776.

SFTBCFNBC is an independent arm of San Francisco Twin Bicentennial, Inc., and is engaged in a three-phase program:

...A neighborhood improvement and beautification competition.

...Eighteen weeks of celebrations, June-October 1976; focus one week each in 18 areas of the City.

...A Grand Parade, October 1976.

FLASH #1

Darrold Etheley, SFPL's Affirmative Action Officer, is the subject of conflicting reports. First it was reported that he has left the Library to work for the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. Then we got a report that he will join the A. Philip

Randolph Foundation. Our usually reliable sources are obviously confused. So, all we know for sure is that Darrold has left the Library. We also understand that he took his CETA position with him so that there is no existing vacancy...which sounds like a metaphysical connundum: How does one leave without creating a vacancy?

At least we have a sense of loss. Good luck, Darrold, wherever you are.

FLASH #2

According to the San Francisco Jewish Bulletin, the Library Commission last month dedicated a section of the Main Library to the memory of Harold B. Light, founder of the Bay Area Council on Soviet Jewry and the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews.

FLASH #3

We understand that David Murphy has developed a concept that is apt to revolutionize personnel management. However, we don't have sufficient space here to properly explain the Murphy In Lieu Sick Day system. If there is enough interest though, we will organize a seminar.

FLASH #4

Chris Cervelli and Charles Fracchia have been reconstituted...revivified...no, we mean reclassified. They are now Staff Aides, CETA. The same thing was done to the vacancy created by the resignation of the former Bob Williams...no, the departure of the late Bob Williams...what we mean is that the position formerly held by Bob Williams is now a Staff Aide-CETA position, vacant. Bob Williams was never late.

Both Cervelli and Fracchia report the process was a painful one. The vacancy of Bob Williams had no comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Trick or Treat" Book Sale

Another one-day, cash and carry, mini-fiction sale is being planned by the Friends of SFPL for Thursday, October 30, from 12 noon to 8 pm in the Lurie Room. Details will follow in a subsequent edition of the O.D.

Books for Christmas

A reminder from the Order Department: Christmas gift book orders should go in to the Staff Book Account in October to be assured of delivery in time.

Purchase order forms may be obtained from the Order Department, Third Floor.

Hand Bookbinding Exhibit

A small exhibit of hand bookbinding by Librarian Johanna Goldschmid will be on display at Presidio Branch through the month of October. The books exhibited are an example of Ms. Goldschmid's work while attending the Centro del Bel Libro in Ascona, Switzerland, during her leave of absence last year.

Prisoner's Art

A painting by San Quentin artist Bob Lokey ("Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness: the American Way" is the equivocal title), along with a selection of books by prisoners, has been on display at Anza Branch since September 1 and is now available for showing at other branches. Call Judy Yung at Anza (752-1960) if you are interested.

Notes from the Video Underground

"The Board of Supervisors' Cable Television Task Force final report, 'Cable and the Community,' is being distributed to all the branches for public review. The 200-page report is a result of two years' work by the Cable Television Task Force and its staff, Bonnie Engel and Fred Hill, who have been sharing CVRP office space since last November. The report details the potential for the growth of telecommunications in San Francisco and heavily emphasizes the role of SFPL in the development of municipal services in the section entitled 'Public Uses of Cable: Municipal Access.' If you are any of your patrons have questions regarding this report, which will be undergoing public hearings soon, contact me at the CVRP..."

--Roberto Esteves, Chairman
SF Cable Television Task Force

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Miss Effie Lee Morris, Children's Coordinator, conducted a multi-media workshop, "The Child's Right to Know," for kindergarten through third-grade teachers, at the annual conference of the Central California Council of Teachers of English at Asilomar, September 26-28. Miss Morris demonstrated book talks, storytelling and reading aloud.

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Film Programs for Children

Excelsior Branch, Thursday, October 9: "Fall Fantasies," 10:00 a.m. (preschool); "Strange Beasties," 4:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up).

Merced Branch, Thursday, October 9: "Red Balloon," 2:00 p.m. (preschool); "And Now Miguel," 4:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up).

Filmstrip Program for Children

Golden Gate Valley Branch, Wednesday, October 8: "Halloween", 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (preschool).

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Dial-A-Story (626-6515), October 6-12

"The Elephant and the Dog," a Jakata tale, told by Ms. Linda Geistlinger, Early Childhood Specialist.

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TOWARD A NEW MAIN LIBRARY

Library Commission President Edward F. Callanan announced at the Tuesday Commission meeting that a letter has gone to Mayor Alioto requesting the transfer of the Marshall Square site from the Real Estate Department to the Library, contingent on passage of a bond issue in November 1976.

The Library has also submitted to the City Planning Commission a Project Data Sheet and supporting letter outlining plans for construction of a new Main Library on Marshall Square. This is the initial step toward placing a bond issue on the November 1976 ballot.

THE BODY CRUNCH

The Tuesday Commission meeting was the scene of considerable discussion about the problems of maintaining public services with an ever-dwindling staff. David Murphy reported that 15 of our 299 permanent positions are now "defunded". (The number was previously 13; how or when it grew to 15 is a mystery which we are trying to solve.) In addition some 18 requisitions are now being held in City Hall. Karen Scannell reported that we will not be allowed to replace the five CETA Librarians who have resigned and that at least two additional CETA Librarians plan to resign within 30 days. (It was later reported that whenever anybody resigns from a CETA position paying over $10,000, the position will be eliminated.)

Mrs. Scannell reported that it is impossible to maintain present service schedules with the personnel available. She recommended the immediate elimination of Sunday hours in branches and a complete review of branch hours.

The Commission decided to postpone action until their Library Extension Committee (Commissioner Nancy Pelosi, Chairman) could review the entire situation. This group has already had one meeting--since Tuesday--and action can be expected by the November meeting of the Commission, if not sooner.

ANOTHER TRY FOR CLSI (that scary!)

The Library Commission approved on Tuesday a supplemental budget request for $192,750. That would provide the first increment of the CLSI circulation system and a tattle-tape security system for the Main and Business libraries. It is felt that there is some hope for City Hall approval of this request...if, if, if.

MORE NEW MAIN PROGRESS

Library Consultant Robert S. Meyer, who is working with the New Main Library Planning Committee, reported to the Commission that his efforts are well advanced. Meyer has been surveying all Main Library departments and functions. After a number of policy decisions have been made (see below), he will prepare a detailed inventory of needs and requirements for the new building.

Seven task forces have been formed to prepare recommendations on policy questions that must be answered before planning for the New Main can continue. The questions to be answered and the chairpersons of the seven task forces are:

1. Popular Library: role, size and content. Anne Roughton.
2. Periodicals: centralized or departmentalized. Delores Gater.
3. Audio-visual facilities. To be announced.
4. Reproduction services and facilities. Lee Smith.
5. Government documents: separate or combined with another department. Marian O'Donnell.
6. Map collections. Rene Morales.
7. Circulation and reserves: centralized or decentralized. Mary Ashe.

Staff comments and suggestions are most welcome. Please send these to the Task Force Chairperson, or to the Chief of Main, by October 17.

FLASH #5

The Wednesday meeting of the Board of Supervisors' Finance Committee created a great deal of confusion (that's news?). It appears that the Library May lose its six CETA janitors. It had been expected that the janitor positions would be funded through the end of the fiscal year, just as had been the CETA Librarian positions last week. However, at the last minute Supervisors von Beroldingen and Molinari demanded that the janitor positions be reclassified to CETA Staff Aide positions,

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with salaries below the magic $10,000 level.

But, no final action was taken, and the janitors' fate will be reconsidereed by the Finance Committee--next week.

AT THE COMMISSION MEETING, DR. STARR...

...reported that discussions have begun with the Community College District concerning construction of a joint SFPL/Community College facility in Chinatown. SFPL would contribute the real estate (the site of the current Chinatown Branch), and the Community College would provide construction funds. The Commission appointed a committee comprised of Commissioners Stern, Pelosi and Bowles to investigate this suggestion.

...confirmed earlier reports that Muni Senior Passes will be sold at eight SFPL branches under an agreement Dr. Starr made with the General Manager of the Muni. Dan Tatko of the Librarians' Guild reported staff concern over security problems that might result. Dr. Starr reported that Muni will provide locked fare boxes into which the money collected will be deposited.

...confirmed that the basement meeting room in Presidio Branch has been turned over to the San Francisco Dance Archives and the San Francisco Ballet Auxiliary. Russell Hartley of the Dance Archives has done a remarkable job of turning the room into an attractive museum of San Francisco dance. Formal opening of the new facility will be in November. We will report more when we learn more.

...announced an experiment whereby the New York Times Book Review has been sold at the Presidio Branch since mid-August. The Book Review arrives at Presidio by Air Mail-Special Delivery and is usually available prior to actual publication date. (The October 5 edition arrived on October 3.) The cost? Only 25 cents. An average of ten copies of each edition have been sold at Presidio. Dr. Starr predicted that this project will be "extremely profitable."

...reminded the staff that complaints or questions about Library policies are to be addressed to the City Librarian and not taken directly to the Library Commission.

FLASH #6

A major exhibit of calligraphy from SFPL's Richard Harrison Collection may be ssen at the Palace of the Legion of Honor, through October 26.

"NAKED CAME THE BUDGET" - PART II

Last week we reported on the over-all budget picture for '75/'76 and a few specifics in the area of personal services. We will receive some $282,425 more this year than last, but the increase won't allow us to maintain the current level of service. Most of the increase will go for salaries, and the only reason that figure isn't higher is that City Hall has "defunded" 13 (now mysteriously 15) permanent positions. In addition, we face serious problems in budgeting our reduced Page hours account.

Library Materials (Books, McNaughton & Subscriptions) will receive a small increase in '75/'76. The Book budget is still $650,000, but we did get funds to cover the increased cost of McNaughton Service: $7,816. To cover the actual increase in the costs of our current magazine subscrintions in '75/'76, we would need $40,000 more than was budgeted last year. City Hall allowed an increase of only $12,500. Once again we will be faced with the problem of either canceling subscriptions or transfering funds from other accounts. The long-term trend in this area is very depressing. We received more money for Library Materials in 1967-68 than we do today.

Before we go on to the exciting accounts like Materials & Supplies, or Contractual Services, let's take a quick look at a couple of sneaky accounts that everybody seems to ignore: Services of Other Departments and Fixed Charges.

The Services of Other Departments account covers the service we receive from the EDP center in City Hall for the periodicals control system and for gardener services at Main Library and the branches from the Recreation and Park Department. This account has grown by $26,048 over what we received last year. We will pay $37,358 this year for EDP service vs. $31,897 last year. But the cost of gardeners has increased by a frightening 52.4%: last year it was $39,288, and this year it will be $59,875.

Fixed Charges is not one of your glamour accounts...but year after year it gets larger, even when we can't get more money for staff, or books, or equipment, or supplies. This year the increase will be $10,735. The cost of Compensation Insurance (paid to the Retirement System) will increase by $5,000. Automobile insurance will increase by $151. The rent we pay on several branches will increase by $3,584. There will also be $2,000 more for Membership Dues. This item pays our dues in societies and organizations, usually because we cannot obtain their publications unless we are members. This item has been kept at $2,000 a year for a number of years, and we have been complaining that the amount is not enough to cover increased dues or to allow us to join all of the societies to which we should belong. We didn't have much success any place else, but we did get this item doubled--to $4,000 for '75/'76. (One thousand dollars of the increase will be applied to membership in the Urban Libraries Coalition.)

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We're out of time now. Don't forget to tune in next week at the same time for the next exciting episode of "Naked Case the Budget," when we will meet the mysterious, disappearing Equipment budget...and much, much more.

FLASH #7

Griffith Stokes has been reclassified. He used to be a 3630 Librarian I. Now he are a 9734 Staff Assistant I, Special Projects (Temporary), the position being funded only through the fiscal year.

No matter what he are classified, he are still the Library Planning Coordinator. (We are trying to determine if he will have to sew on all new patches.)

MURAL AT PARK BRANCH

A major mural, 20 feet wide by 40 feet tall, will be installed on the exterior wall of a house adjacent to the Park Branch, it was announced at the Library Commission meeting Tuesday. Funded under a grant administered by the Art Commission for neighborhood beautification in the Haight-Ashbury. the mural will be a vivid, stylized representation of the racial and cultural diversity in the neighborhood.

The artists, Selma Brown and Ruby Newman, and Robert Owen of the Haight-Ashbury Arts Workshop displayed designs for the dramatic mural at the Commission meeting.

DOROTHY TERHAAR TO RETIRE

We were surprised to learn that Dorothy Terhaar is retiring. All of the proper and traditional things have been or will be said. Without getting sloppy, we can only add one thing: we will miss the pleasure of her company! Health and happiness from us all.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PLANS

In May a fund for the development of the Special Collections Department was established when duplicates from the department were sold at auction, raising over $18,000.

At the Commission meeting Tuesday, Mrs. Goodwin announced the first plans for use of the Special Collections Fund.

Eight bookcases in the Rare Book Room will be remodeled, extended and fitted with looking glass doors. This project will cost $3,862.84 and should proceed without delay.

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Three thousand dollars of the auction proceeds will be reserved in hope that SFPL will be able to purchase a copy of MECHANICK EXERCISES by Joseph Moxon, which is expected to be offered for sale in the next few months. The Moxon, published in 1677, is the first book ever published on the art of printing ...and is the only major title missing from SFPL's Grabhorn Collection. (Efforts to buy this book started in 1966.)

Fifty-nine copies of the Moxon are known to survive; only five of those are in private hands. One of these five copies is expected to be offered for sale in January at $7,500. The Board of Directors of the Friends of the Library met on October 1, and they agreed to provide the balance of the funds needed to finance this important purchase.

The Special Collections Fund Committee also recommended that the balance of funds from the auction be used to establish an endowment fund for the department. (Slightly over $11,200.)

The Library Commission voted approval of the plans submitted by the Committee.

FLASH #8

Our AV-Tech position is another of that endangered species, a CETA-funded position....BUT, Bill Taylor and others will be happy to know that the position has been funded through next June 30. (Would you believe that this CETA mess has been going on for almost 90 days now and still isn't settled--see Flash #5 above somewhere.)

PRE-PUBLICATION PARTY TODAY

The Friends of SFPL invite you to a pre-publication preview of David Lavender's NOTHING SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE, the story of William Chapman Ralston, the man who built the first home of the San Francisco Public Library. (Among his minor accomplishments, he also built the Palace Hotel and the California Theatre, and started the Bank of California.)

The preview, honoring Ralston and hosted by W. J. Sloane, will take place on Friday, October 10, from noon to 2 pm at Sloane headquarters, 216 Sutter Street near Grant Avenue. Ralston's order for 60,000 yards of Brussels carpet for the Palace was the occasion that brought Sloane to San Francisco in 1875; and to commemorate their centenary, there will be a drawing for a $100 gift certificate.

Mr. Lavender, a distinguished historian of the American West, will autograph copies of his new book. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of SFPL.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT AVAILABLE

The Walter Jebe color photography exhibit (Bay Area landscapes, some mounted and some framed), now on display at Excelsior Branch, will be available to other branches after mid-October. Interested parties, please call Excelsior (586-4075).

FILM PROGRAM CHANGE

The film HURRY TOMORROW, scheduled in the Lurie Room at 7 pm October 27, has been withdrawn by its producers from non-commercial circulation. TITICUT FOLLIES, a documentary about a Massachusetts hospital for the criminally insane, will be shown instead, and members of the Network Against Psychiatric Assault will introduce and comment on the film and the rights of mental patients.

Please correct posted copies of FREE.

DON'T SAY WE DIDN'T WARN YOU

Has anybody noticed that the permit to operate the Main Library freight elevator expired on February 13, 1975? You're welcome.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Two October television shows of special interest to children and Children's Librarians are "Sounder" on Friday, October 24, and a new story by Charles M. Schulz, "You're a Good Sport, Charlie Brown," on Tuesday, October 28. Check the daily newspaper for station and time. Encourage children to read the book and then watch the television program.

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Film Programs

Children's Room, Main Library - Wednesday, October 15

"Marvelous Monsters"	10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.	(preschool)
"Spells and Spectres"	4:15 p.m.	(ages 6 and up)

West Portal Branch - Wednesday, October 15

"Across the Sea"	10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.	(preschool)
"The Happy Sad Program	4:00 p.m.	(ages 6 and up)

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Dial-A-Story (626-6516), October 14-19

Leave Herbert Alone by Alma M. Whitney, told by Ms. Linda Geistlinger, Early Childhood Specialist.

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LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

DISCUSSION OF NEW MAIN PLANS

The Library Planning Committee, which has been working on a bond issue to be presented to the voters in November 1976, will hold an informal discussion of the plans for a new Main Library on Friday, October 24, from 9 am to Noon, in the Lurie Room. All SFPL staff members who are interested and who can be freed from public service duties are invited to attend.

Plans for the new Main are still in a very early stage of development, so the presentation will outline what the committee has accomplished to date and what it hopes to accomplish in the next few months. Any and all questions, suggestions, and/or ideas from the staff will be welcome. This will be next Friday morning...put it on your calendar now.

C.E.T.A.--ACT VII, SCENE XXVII

The curtain may be descending on this grotesque drama. On Wednesday, October 15, the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors (von Beroldingen, Molinari, Melder) decided that our six CETA Janitors will be reclassified as Staff Aides, CETA. (The action applied to CETA Janitors in other departments also.)

This means that the salaries of these people will be reduced to the magic $10,000 level. However, according to Supervisor von Beroldingen, as Staff Aides, CETA, they will be expected to perform whatever work is assigned them by a regular Janitor.

The most disturbing facet of this episode is the fact that SFPL had agreed to find (in our already emaciated budget) the money to pay the six Janitors the difference between the $10,000 provided by CETA and the Normal Janitor I salary. The Finance Committee took the money we offered, placed it in the general fund, and then refused to pay the Janitors.

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This action of the Finance Committee will come before the full Board of Supervisors on Monday.

Further CETA notes: from now on, whenever a person resigns from a CETA position, we will not be allowed to simply hire somebody to fill the position. It will be necessary to file with the Manpower Office a new request which may or may not be approved.

HOLIDAZE

The official calendar of the City and County of San Francisco indicates that Monday, October 27, is Veteran's Day. Our desk calendars say the same thing....in fact, large portions of the civilian population believe that October 27 will be celebrated as Veteran's Day....the Congress and the Senate of the United States believe it too. But, if you are an employee of the City and County of San Francisco, please do not believe that, because it is a lie.

Veteran's Day will be on Tuesday, November 11...because the Board of Supervisors said it will.

The Library will be open on Monday, October 27.

The Library will be closed on Tuesday, November 11.

You heard it here first.

BRANCH HOURS

All Librarians assigned to Branch service, and any Branch Library Techs who are interested, are invited to a meeting in the Lurie Room on Friday, October 31, at 9 am. The subject will be Branch Hours. This ought to be an interesting meeting.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Close to 3000 voters were registered by SFPL staff members in the project that was jointly sponsored by the Library and Local 400. Project Chairman Roger Dillon reports that Richmond Branch registered 500 voters, with Sunset, West Portal and Marina close behind.

It is shocking to learn that some people are so lax in their sense of civic responsibility that they fail to even register to vote.

HOW RUMORS START

Three weeks ago a caller-in on KGO radio reported that SFPL turns over to the FBI and the CIA a complete list of what books are being read by which of our patrons. The Public Information Office issued a strong and immediate denial...but it was too late.

Then the Kelly School Klarion charged that the United States is actually being run by a secret elite operating out of the San Francisco Public Library.

We all know that's ridiculous! If SFPL were running the country you'd be likely to have smog, inflation, recession, unemployment, traffic problems....

Now that we think of it, what does go on down in the Sutro stacks?

DID YOU SEE THE REPORT IN...

L.J. HOTLINE, 10/13/75. Brooklyn Public cut branch hours 25% and eliminated bookmobile service. Denver Public will be closing seven storefront branches, dropping bookmobile service to schools, and cutting Sunday service. BUT..."The New York Public Library deserves a salute this week for an outreach action that few libraries can match. Caught in the money squeeze, they're closing one day--Monday, the quietest day, in order to stay open on Saturday, when everyone wants to use the library. That should make a lot of new friends for the starchy old lady on Fifth Avenue."

WALL STREET JOURNAL, 10/14/75. In a survey of the financial problems being faced by large urban public libraries, Dr. Starr is quoted: "If my kid gets hit by a car, I'd rather have another emergency hospital ward than another book in the Library. Libraries are the DEW line of budget cuts, the first to go."..."I think the prospects are good that something will eventually happen. American life is crisis oriented. When the situation gets bad enough, the people will scream loud enough to put pressure on the local politicians, who'll put enough pressure on the federal government to get something done. My only hope is that libraries won't be too far gone when help does come."

And, on that note, it is time for another stirring episode of that ever popular series, NAKED CAME THE BUDGET.

"NAKED CAME THE BUDGET" - PART III

First we should state that the title "Contractual Services" implies no moral judgment...it is just that accountants and people in City Hall use that kind of language.

No matter what they call it, there are a lot of fun items in this account. We'll just run down the list and see what we find. Funds to reimburse employees for local fares were cut. We used to get $780; now it's only $620. We used to get $100 to pay for use of employees' cars, but that was cut to $75. In 1975/76 we will get absolutely nothing to pay for freight, express or draying. (Don't order any.)

WE INTERRUPT THIS REPORT ON "CONTRACTUAL SERVICES" FOR A SPECIAL BULLETIN ON "EQUIPMENT"..... In 1975/76 the San Francisco Public Library will receive no, zero, nothing...not one cent for "Equipment". Details will follow the report on "Contractual Services." Now, back to that report....

In 1974/75 SFPL received $2,500 for the maintenance and repair of office equipment. Because our office equipment is very old (we have received no new equipment for several years), we actually had to spend $2,929 to keep the office equipment operating. To cover the deficit, $429 was transferred from other accounts. In 1975/76 our office equipment will be one year older, and more fragile...therefore the City of San Francisco will give us $1,000 for maintenance and repair of office equipment...$1,500 less than they gave us last year. Pray.

Last year our Telephone bill was $1,000 more than had been provided in the budget--money had to be transferred from other accounts to cover this deficit. Since last year we have received a number of new employees under the CETA program. (Don't ask me how many! Who can keep track?) These people can be expected to use a telephone in the course of their work, and that ain't free. In addition, telephone service rates have been increased at least twice that I remember in the past year. With that background, what would you guess our telephone budget will be for this year??? Exactly what it was last year: $23,180. Please suggest some place to find the money we will obviously need next May to pay Pacific Telephone.

In 1975/76 we will have $0 for Reproduction Services, but an increase of $100 for Laundry & Towel Service. We got a $550 increase for Scavenger Service and a $25 increase for Pest Control. We get $100 more for the services of the City Real Estate Department, and a $62 increase for Burglar Alarms, but the Other Contractual Services account was chopped by $50.

And, that was a quick survey of the Contractual Services account. Be guided by what we have learned.

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Now, back to Equipment. We still didn't get a single cent. But that's O.K., we didn't get any money for equipment last year either. It's a tradition.

We're out of time...not to mention patience...but, don't forget, we'll be back next week to wander through the tangled paths of the line-item budget with gun and camera in another thrilling episode of NAKED CAME THE BUDGET.

FLASH #9

Effective Monday, October 20, Ingleside and Ocean View Branches will adopt special emergency service schedules. Ingleside will be open from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons only. Ocean View will be open from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Thursday and Friday afternoons only. These schedules will continue until such time as City Hall releases requisitions necessary to provide staff for these branches.

The action was taken at a meeting of Mrs. Scannell with the Library Extension Committee of the Library Commission, held Thursday, October 16. Further changes in branch hours are expected to be presented at the Library Commission meeting on November 5.

SOME PEOPLE KNOW THE PRICE OF EVERYTHING...AND THE VALUE OF NOTHING

1964 - 15,000,000
1965 - 16,500,000
1966 - 18,150,000
1967 - 19,965,000
1968 - 21,961,500
1969 - 24,157,650
1970 - 26,573,415
1971 - 29,230,756
1972 - 32,153,831
1973 - 35,369,214
1974 - 38,906,135

It would not be overstating the case to say that shockwaves have swept through the Library since receipt of the latest cost estimates for a new Main Library on Marshall Square. We have grown accustomed to figures like $40 million...but $60, $70 or $90 million are figures up with which we are not prepared to put.

What happened? The column of figures at the left tells the story. In 1964 it would have cost $15 million to build a new Main Library on Marshall Square. Construction costs increase each year by 10% in the Bay Area, and in 1974 the same building would have cost almost $39 million.

According to the City Architect, construction costs are currently increasing at a rate of 12% a year. A building approved by the voters in November 1976 could not be put out for bid before 1978 or perhaps 1979.

1975 - 43,574,871
1976 - 48,803,855
1977 - 54,660,317
1978 - 61,219,555
1979 - 68,565,901
1980 - 76,793,809
1981 - 86,009,066
1982 - 96,330,153

The figures are simply arithmetic projections; they are correct for the 1964-75

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period, but we cannot promise their accuracy in the future. Perhaps construction costs will increase by 19% to 18%, or perhaps by only 3 or 4%. We do know that they will increase, whatever the rate.

A REQUEST FOR BOOKS

West Portal would like to borrow the following books for its continuing Bicentennial Book Discussions series.

Miller, Assault on Privacy	323.44 M612a
Swanberg, Citizen Hearst	B H 3515s
Hahn, Once Upon a Pedestal	August 74 McN 306.073 H134O

Thanks are extended to all the branch librarians who have loaned West Portal the books previously requested.

WHAT'S A CLEP TEST?

If you get inquiries about CLEP tests, don't refer them to the Health Department. The letters stand for the College Level Examination Program for earning of college credits. You can refer people to either Golden Gate University or the University of San Francisco, both of which administer the tests.

FLASH #10

Note to all Branches: Please discard all copies of the flyer advertising the Kristen Fenstermaker exhibit at Noe Valley Branch.

HOUSEWORK...

Our recent story about Derrald Etheley would have received a very poor grade in any journalism class. First, we misspelled his name--bad form. His name is spelled correctly in the first line of this item. Just to prove we can do it. Then we fouled up the information about his new employer. Derrald is now the executive director of the newly opened San Francisco chapter of the A.Philip Randolph Institute. The other word that wasn't too well spelled was "conundrum". If there were any other errors in that item, please don't tell us about them.

OTHER ERRORS: There is a difference between "looking" and "locking" glass doors, even in the spelling. We're not sure which they will use in Special Collections.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Programs for Children:

Halloween Story Hour for ages 6 and up:

Sunset Branch	Thursday, October 23	4:00 p.m.

Film Programs:

Chinatown Branch ("Surprises")	Wednesday, October 22	10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. (preschool)
Chinatown Branch ("Halloween")	Wednesday, October 22	3:30 p.m. (ages 6 & up)
Richmond Branch ("Our Friends the Animals")	Wednesday, October 22	7:30 p.m. (preschool)
North Beach Branch ("Who's a Scaredy Cat?")	Thursday, October 23	10:15 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. (preschool)
Western Addition Branch ("Mouse Tales")	Thursday, October 23	10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. (preschool)
Western Addition Branch ("Balloon Adventures")	Thursday, October 23	4:00 p.m. (ages 6 & up)

Dial-A-Story (626-6516), October 20-26, 1975

"The Seven Silly Fellows," a tale from the Philippines, told by Mrs. Linda Geistlinger, Early Childhood Specialist.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #24

October 17, 1975

NEW PLACEMENT REQUESTS:

Anyone interested in the following positions should send a written statement to Personnel by noon Wednesday, October 22.

Librarian I - Merced Branch (Children's Work)
Librarian II - Ingleside Branch (Children's & Adult Work)

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HOLIDAZE - THE CONTINUING SAGA OF VETERAN'S DAY

Please do not believe everything you read in the O.B. For instance: last week we reported that Veteran's Day will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 11, not on Monday, October 27, as indicated on the official City & County Calendar.

Well, that story was partly right, and we certainly had no intention of misleading you, but: not all City employees will celebrate Veteran's Day on November 11; some of them will have October 27 off for Veteran's Day. If your salary is subject to Sections 8.400 and 8.401 of the Charter, you will have November 11 off. If, however, you are a craft employee, the day on which you will celebrate Veteran's Day is determined by the contract of your union.

Therefore, all Meter Readers (water), Automotive Machinists, Granite Cutters, Stationary Engineers, Meat Cutters, Power House Operators, Window Cleaners, Auto Servicemen, Fusion Welders and Janitors will celebrate on October 27, while the rest of us are working.

However, it is illegal to open the Main Library to the public unless you have a Stationary Engineer on duty, and we have to be open on the 27th. So the Stationary Engineer will work and be paid holiday pay...and then he'll work again on November 11, when the Library is closed.

Nobody knows yet what will happen about the Janitors... perhaps some of them will work on the 27th and be paid holiday pay. All of them will work on November 11, when the Library is closed.

Of course, none of this was foreseen when the budget was passed. We will have to take a Supplementary Budget Request to City Hall to pay the Stationary Engineer for October 27--and any Janitors that may work that day.

"NAKED CAME THE BUDGET" - PART IV

Sit back, kiddies, and ENJOY... ...it's time for another thrilling episode of NAKED....

In previous weeks we've dealt with Personal Services, Library Materials, Services of Other Departments, Fixed Charges (doesn't the tension get you as this builds???), Equipment and Contractual Services. This week it's time for...Materials and Supplies. Oh, Wow!

First the good news. The Toiletries item has been increased. Last year our budget for toilet paper and paper towels was $2,300 and we actually spent $2,740. We asked City Hall to increase this item to $4,000 and they GAVE US EVERY CENT WE ASKED FOR! However, if a toilet paper or paper towel dispenser be broken, there is no money to replace that; the Supervisors took that out of our budget.

The Materials and Supplies section of the budget is where inflation really hurts us. This has always been the place where the Board of Supervisors whacks us....first, they eliminate the Equipment request, then they cut the Materials and Supplies request in half. The retail price index went up 15% last year; paper products went up over 30%.

In 1975/76 we will have NO MONEY AT ALL FOR: electric fans, air filters, electric heaters, textiles, thermo couple valves, ladders, leather, clocks, flags, fur, furniture, record album covers and cases, containers, or packaging supplies. If you wanted any of these, forget it.

Do you realize that SFPL owns eight vehicles? These vehicles are all square or oblong, and on each corner they are supposed to have a wheel and tire. That totals about 32 tires... but please don't let more than four of them wear out this year; we've got only $170 in the budget. These vehicles depend upon petroleum products for their operation, and you know what OPEC did to the price of those. Apparently nobody told the Supervisors--we will have $1,500 for fuel again this year, which ought to carry us at least through March.

In 1963/64 the PIO had a paper budget of $3,000. Since that time the price of paper has more than doubled. In 1975/76 the PIO paper budget will be $1,850.

We did receive small increases in the items for magazine covers, mylar, transaction slips, pamphlet binders, and cleaning supplies. But the item for library paste was reduced.

The major problem in this area will be the Office Supplies account. This is the account that we overspend every year. To provide us with just those supplies that we needed to operate last year, no less that $30,000 would be required. We will have $22,140 in this item for the year. This means that we

won't be able to provide our employees with the supplies they need to perform their jobs...and that we will spend hundreds of man-hours preparing and seeking a supplemental budget or transfer of funds. It was ever thus.

We started this series by reporting that our budget for 75/76 will be $282,425 larger than it was last year. If anybody has been adding up the increases we reported so far, he will know that we've listed increases of more than $282,425. How did City Hall get blood from the turnip? Where did we get whacked? What feats of financial legerdemain were visited upon an innocent library? Don't miss the next exciting episode....

GUILD MEETING

The Librarians' Guild will hold a special meeting in the Commission Room at 6:30 pm, Thursday, October 30. Proposed changes in branch hours and Sunday hours at the Main Library will be under discussion.

BRANCH STAFF MEETING

The Branch staff will meet in the Commission Room at 9:00 am, Friday, October 31. Proposed changes in branch hours will be discussed.

CONFUSION

The weekly confusion that follows distribution of the O.B. centered last week around the request that branches discard the flyer advertising the Kristin Fenstermaker exhibit at Noe Valley.

The exhibit will be held--October 24 through December 12. There will be a reception honoring the artist--7 to 9:30 pm, Friday, October 24.

The request that the flyer be discarded resulted from a philosophical disagreement about aesthetics and spelling.

IMITATION = FLATTERY (?)

There is a new organization in Berkeley which is being referred to as BARC. It is the Bay Area Research Collective. What it "researches" seems to be a bit cloudy. We hope no one confuses it with the Bay Area Reference Center.

AN INVITATION FOR CLERKS, TECHS, AND ASSISTANTS

A collective bargaining election to determine union representation for Clerks, Techs, and Assistants is expected within the next few months. The Transport Workers' Union - AFSCME - UCE Joint Council will seek to represent these workers.

Information, discussion, sandwiches and soft drinks will be offered in the Commission Room Wednesday, October 29, between Noon and 2:00 pm. The TWU - AFSCME - UCE Joint Council invites all SFPL Clerks, Techs and Assistants to attend.

(Attendance at meetings as described above must be on an employee's own time, such as during lunch hour.)

HALF-WAY

SFPL staff members have donated $877 to the current United Way campaign...our goal is $1,500. Vivian Goodwin reports that there are just a few days left; reports must be submitted by next Friday. If you need a pledge card, call Rosie Abella, 3031.

TRICK-OR TREAT FICTION SALE

The Friends of SFPL wish to remind you of their special cash-and-carry, fiction-book sale which happens on Thursday, October 30, from 12 noon to 8 pm in the Lurie Room. Hardcover fiction will sell for 30 cents a volume or four for one dollar; paperbacks will go for 20 cents each or six for one dollar.

The "trick or treat" designation refers to a special section of 4,000 paperbacks with their front covers removed. These are selling for a nickle apiece. All are current titles in good, but topless, condition.

HOLIDAZE, PART III

As we reported earlier, some City employees will celebrate Veteran's Day on October 27; others on November 11. Others will actually work on both dates. (We have not yet found anybody who will get both dates off.)

Now it has come to our attention that some City employees will celebrate Veteran's Day on February 16, 1976! That puts an entirely different complexion on the situation. Classes 9334 Deckhand, Tug and Dredges; 9335 Marine Fireman; 9335.1 Dredge Leverman; and 9337 Diesel Tugboat Operator will have

a holiday on the February date in lieu of Veteran's Day, October 27, 1975.

This should clear up the questions about Veteran's Day... but somebody should point out to the Tug and Dredge people that February 16, 1976, is George Washington's Birthday. (Not really, but then neither was the 22nd.) Do you think there is any significance in the fact that some City employees will be celebrating Veteran's Day on November 11, which was once known as Armistice Day? Or was this just a co-inkydink?

THREE DOTS...

...Sorry to hear that our A.V. Tech., Bill Taylor, is sick and will be out for several weeks. Rocky is still recovering from his automobile accident injuries. This will make scheduling A.V. programs an interesting experience.

...From Dorothy Terhaar: "Dear Friends: Thank you so very much for the beautiful flowers and lovely gold necklace. It was so kind and thoughtful of you.

"I have many nice memories of my years in the library and especially of the wonderful staff members whom I have had the pleasure of knowing.

"Again, thanks and best wishes to everyone."

...Did you know that Charles Fracchia is now a student of the science of librarianship at U.C.-Berkeley? Concurrently he continues as SFPL's contribution to the San Francisco Consortium, where he is working on a cooperative library program that would include SFPL and all the college and university libraries hereabouts.

...A reminder from the City Librarian: Statements of SFPL policy and/or publicity stories are not to be released without prior approval of the Public Information Office.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGEMENT OF THIS STATION

Forget not the meeting about plans for the new Main Library, THIS MORNING, 9:00 am to 11:00 am, Lurie Room. A chance to learn, question and suggest.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Halloween Story Hours for Ages 6 and Up

Children's Room, Main Library	Tuesday, October 28	4:15 p.m.
Noe Valley Branch	Tuesday, October 28	4:00 p.m.
Ortega Branch	Tuesday, October 28	4:00 p.m.
Presidio Branch	Wednesday, October 29	4:00 p.m.
Anza Branch	Thursday, October 30	4:00 p.m.
Chinatown Branch	Thursday, October 30	3:15 p.m.
Eureka Valley Branch	Thursday, October 30	4:00 p.m.
Mission Branch	Thursday, October 30	4:00 p.m.
Parkside Branch	Thursday, October 30	4:00 p.m.
Potrero Branch	Thursday, October 30	4:00 p.m.
Visitacion Valley Branch	Thursday, October 30	4:00 p.m.
West Portal Branch	Thursday, October 30	4:00 p.m.

Film Programs

Sunset Branch "Unexpected Endings" "Wild Happenings"	Tuesday, October 28	10:30 a.m. (preschool) 4:00 p.m.
Mission Branch "Ghosts and Witches" "Ghosts and Witches"	Wednesday, October 29	10:15 a.m. (preschool) 4:00 p.m.
Golden Gate Valley Branch "Gerald McDermott"	Wednesday, October 29	10:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. (preschool)
Noe Valley Branch "Friends" "Strange Food"	Thursday, October 30	1:30 p.m. (preschool) 3:30 p.m. (ages 6 & up)

DIAL-A-STORY (626-6516) - October 27-November 2, 1975

"The King of the Cats," an English folktale, told by Ms. Karen Jing, Early Childhood Specialist.

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LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

NEW DEAL FOR JANITORS

Last Tuesday the Main Library Janitors adopted a new work schedule that, it is hoped, will provide better service. The four-month experiment will divide the janitor crew into 2.3 shifts. The day shift will work from 6 am until 2 pm; the night shift will work from 5 pm until 1 am; and one janitor will work from 1:30 pm until 9:30 pm.

Under the new schedule, SFPL employees will be working in the Main for 19 of every 24 hours, an increase over the old 15 of 24. This extension of work hours should serve to discourage break-ins.

Janitor Foreman John Lowe and Commission Secretary George Cerasi will welcome comments, questions or suggestions concerning the new schedule.

SCULPTURE FINDS NEW HOME

Hiro II, which graced SFPL's front lawn for almost a year, has found a new home in Justin Herman Plaza (Washington Street offramp of the Embarcadero freeway). Hiro II will share the new home with the Vaillancourt Fountain, which Mayor Alioto declared to be "honestly" more beautiful than the Spanish Steps in Rome.

Some of us will miss Hiro II. It was a delight when festooned with children.

FRIENDS BEGIN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

"A letter requesting renewal is going out this week to over 1,000 members of the Friends, including many of the San Francisco Public Library staff. At the same time we would like to invite all those who aren't members to join the

Friends in our efforts to bring the Library closer to the community and to increase active public support of our Library. Your membership in the Friends is of special value because of your understanding of the Library's needs and goals. It's easy to sign up by dropping into the Friends' office any day between 9 am and 3 pm."

--Mig Mayer, Executive Director
Friends of SFPL

UNITED WAY WINDUP

"The United Way campaign has ended. The Library's contribution was $1,211. Recognition is due the janitorial staff, who were the unit with the greatest number of individual donors. For all others who gave, there is, I am sure, a feeling of personal reward."

--Vivian Goodwin, Chairperson
SFPL United Way Campaign

BALLOTS

The BALLOTS terminal (connected with Stanford's computer) has now been operating at our Library for about four months. Now that the Technical Services staff are acquainted with its operation, other staff are invited to see what it is and how it works. Demonstrations of BALLOTS will be set up as needed and time permits. Anyone who would like to attend, please notify Jim Reilly at 3471.

A MEETING FOR MAPPERS

An impressive-sounding, if slightly baffling communique has been received from the Mayor's Office. All interested persons are invited to attend a conference for the purpose of presenting and explaining to potential users something called an "orthophotographic map of San Francisco," produced by Western Mapping Center, U.S. Geological Survey. The conference will take place in the Commission Room on November 17 from 9:30 am to noon; and anybody wishing to attend should notify the Librarian's Office prior to November 13.

We regret our inability to offer further enlightenment on the substance of this meeting; our office Websters fail to produce the word "orthophotographic". The closest equivalent we find is "orthographic", so perhaps the map will include photos of the city's champion spellers.

RETURN OF SON OF VETERAN'S (nee ARMISTICE) DAY

If we led you to believe that all Miscellaneous employees (see sections 8.400 & 8.401 of the Charter) would be celebrating Veteran's Day on Tuesday, November 11, please forgive us.

Actually a great number of Miscellaneous employees--those who work for the School District--had Monday, October 27, off. This came about because the certificated personnel (that is the hard way to spell teacher) were going to celebrate Veteran's Day on October 27...but the Board of Supervisors had instructed Miscellaneous employees to celebrate on November 11. So, the kids would have shown up on the 27th and found the building heated and open, with the secretaries, janitors, etc., at their posts...but no teachers. On the 11th the teachers and kids would have found the building locked with the Miscellaneous Employees off celebrating. That's no way to run a railroad. So, in one of the most impressive moves they have made in years, the Board of Education voted that all school district employees would take the same day off for Veteran's Day...the one Congress designated, October 27.

The situation at the Muni was a little different since they would have to operate both days, no matter which was celebrated as Veteran's Day. But, if they celebrated on October 27, Muni could operate that day on a Sunday or "holiday" schedule (fewer vehicles operating), since Congress says that October 27 is a national holiday. However, the only people not working on November 11 will be the Miscellaneous employees and State of California workers...so Muni will have to work a full schedule that day, and if that is their holiday a whole lot of people will be paid double-time or whatever they get for holiday pay. This problem went to the Civil Service Commission last week and they decided that Muni will do what the Board of Supervisors decreed, observe Veteran's Day (could we shorten that to V.D.?) on November 11. (There is no basis upon which to presume that the Supervisors, faced with the need to find the extra money to pay holiday wages to Muni, will necessarily take it from our book budget.)

It has been pointed out to us that Veteran's Day (I guess we'd better not shorten it, after all) is not something one should "celebrate". It is the day we pay honor to those who died in defense of this country. The appropriate word would be "observe"...which please substitute for the word "celebrate" wherever used above. The reason I made and continue to repeat this egregious error is attributable to my advanced years. When I was a tad we observed/celebrated something called Armistice Day sometime around this time of year...<u>that</u> was something to celebrate.

It was also about this time of year that Mr. Roosevelt would announce when he wanted to celebrate Thanksgiving and my Dad would have a fit. But that is another story.

The moral of this story can best be summarized in the words of the Old Perfesser, "Don't nobody here know how to play this game?"

"NAKED CAME THE BUDGET" - PART V

Don't touch that dial! Stay tuned for another exciting episode of NAKED CAME THE BUDGET, the story that asks the question: "My God, what can we do now?"

In the past couple weeks we've taken looks at all of the major areas of our 75/76 operating budget, except one. We've saved the Maintenance and Repair of Buildings account till last for two reasons: first, because we fear this area may hold the most headaches for SFPL this year; and second, because of the unusual history of this account which makes it almost impossible to get accurate information.

Until last year this account did not even appear in our budget; it was carried in the budget of the Department of Public Works. Over the years DPW had learned that a certain amount would be required to perform the necessary "normal" maintenance, plus "emergency" repairs. In recent years that amount has been $48,000. In addition, each year we submitted a list of specific projects or improvements that we felt were important.

In 74/75 this budget account totaled $67,140, including the standard $48,000 and $19,140 for special projects. In 75/76 the amount available in this account is only $20,050...to cover everything. Or, to put it another way, this year we are entitled to $20,050 worth of services from the Department of Public Works...elevator repairmen, glazers, locksmiths, plumbers, electricians, painters, etc.

Obviously a lot of projects will have to be postponed... maintenance will be deferred. But broken doors and windows must be repaired. The freight elevator can't be left indefinitely stuck between the third and fourth floors.

We assume that SFPL will make intelligent use of the funds available, although planning emergency repairs is not yet an exact science. This situation will provide various opportunities for wailing and gnashing of teeth.

On the other hand, if we live through 75/76 without a major crisis caused by the lack of Maintenance & Repair funds, we will have demonstrated to City Hall that $20,050 is an appropriate level of funding in this area. Thereafter maintenance will be deferred until the situation reaches such proportions that City Hall can be forced to recognize the need.

Just a few months ago SFPL's "Bicentennial Budget Request" crossed Civic Center Plaza accompanied by drums and bugles. Today the remnants are ignored, honored only by an ink-stained wretch writing in an obscure weekly.

This tale was announced as a mellowdrama, and hence should have a villain, a hero, and a moral. Don't miss next week's exciting episode of NAKED CAME THE BUDGET and learn about villains, heroes, and morality.

NAKED POLITICS

Prop. C on the Tuesday ballot should be of interest to those who have been following the adventures in NAKED CAME THE BUDGET. One section would allow department heads to transfer up to 10% of their annual budget from account to account within their budget. Funds could not be transferred into or out of the salary accounts, nor could this method be used to cover items previously denied by the Mayor or Board of Supervisors.

In simple words, it would allow us to avoid the slow and laborious process now followed to obtain permission from the Controller and Board of Supervisors whenever we need to reappropriate funds from one account to another. (Almost every year we have transferred funds to the Subscriptions, Office Supplies, Telephone and Postage accounts.) However, we would not be allowed to transfer funds from the Book account in order to buy a new Bookmobile, or CLSI, or a typewriter...items which have come before the Mayor and Board of Supervisors and been denied. We're still not going to get any money for equipment.

NAKED LETTERS

Editor:

Is City Hall trying to tell us something? $4,000.00 for toilet paper and paper towels and $1,850.00 for the PIO paper budget?? At least we know where their priorities are!

Have you checked the possibilities of printing the flyers on toilet paper? They could be put in a dispenser at the check-out desk in order to facilitate distribution. That is, if none of the dispensers becomes inoperative. Then, too, there is the advantage that the left-over flyers could be recycled. Anyway, it's a suggestion worth considering when the PIO paper supply dwindles to nothing.

--K. Morehouse and C. Lingo
Literature Dept.

(Over the years we've received a number of suggestions about what to do with our flyers--this is certainly the crudest yet.--Ed.)

FLASH #11

Dr. Starr reviewed the AV programming situation Wednesday. (Both Bill Taylor and Rocky will be away from work for some time to come.) Starr urges that ad hoc solutions be devised so that library patrons will not be denied popular library AV programs. "We must not be dogmatic," said the dynamic young Librarian, challenging SFPL to growth and greatness in a time of scarcity.

FLASH #12

Dr. Starr announced that CETA is providing a full-time Library Assistant for the San Francisco Dance Archives. Judith Schwartz has been hired--she is energetic and charming.

WANT ADS

CLA Volunteers Wanted

Gil McNamee is looking for volunteers to man (person?) the CLA booth at the upcoming annual CLA Conference at the Hilton. That's 1:00-7:00, Sunday, November 30; 10:00-5:00, December 1-2; and 10:00-2:00, December 3. If you can spare any time at all, call him on ext. 2941 or 2814. It's a good way to meet people.

Reference Book Wanted

If any branch should be discarding a copy of the 1974 Physician's Desk Reference, please send it to Anza.

Periodicals Wanted

The Literature Department needs the June 1974 Psychology Today for binding--also any other copies of Volume 8, as most of theirs are badly worn. A September 1974 copy of Special Libraries would also be appreciated.

FLASH #13

Dr. Starr has named David Belch, author of a recent article on financial pornography, to be the Postmaster General of San Francisco Public Library.

A number of factors were involved in this strange appointment. The dynamic young City Librarian pointed out that the Library's 75/76 budget provides only $22,000 for postage, insufficient to carry us through the year, and postage rates will increase in January. Starr has decided that SFPL will not seek a supplemental budget: "There's just no chance it would be approved."

As Postmaster General, Belch has been charged with devising a plan whereby the Library can stay within the allotted funds and do the least damage to Library operations. Starr demanded that no committees be named to study this problem and that no meetings be held. Belch's decisions are to be unilateral and arbitrary.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The joint meeting of the Elementary School Librarians of the San Francisco Unified School District and the Children's Librarians of of San Francisco Public Library was held at Alamo School on Thursday, October 23, at 7:00 p.m. The School Librarians were the hosts in the very attractive multi-media library, decorated for Halloween. Mrs. Rosemary Culligan, Resource Librarian of the Elementary Schools, introduced the program.

Roy Minkler, new Director of Reading and Libraries, the first speaker, gave his impressions upon beginning his new assignment. He felt the Public Library was an extension of the School Library. He told of the accountability of teachers and School Librarians for children passing the new California Assessment Test and the California Test of Basic Skills. To pass these tests, children are expected to know the purpose of a card catalog and the parts of a book, table of contents, etc.

Jean Ebbe, Librarian at Alamo, one of the few librarians who works a full week at one school, explained how two classrooms had been converted into a library, and the services offered to the 700 children attending this Kindergarten-through-Grade-3 school. Margaret Pearl told of her experiences as a Librarian who spends one day a week in five schools. One of her main resources is the Public Library.

Effie Lee Morris, Children's Coordinator, responded for the Public Library's Children's Librarians. She raised the question of whether the teachers' accountability included teaching the children about the Public Library as a Community Resource, and in fact whether this concept is included in the in-service training for teachers. Miss Morris continued by saying that despite serious problems, Children's Librarians have planned Fall programs for the children, including the new Puppet Show to be performed by the Trip Trap Troupe, composed of Children's Librarians.

One of the most important aspects of the evening was the opportunity for School and Children's Librarians to meet and talk to their counterparts in the neighborhoods. The two groups have met together twice a year for 13 years, since Effie Lee Morris has been the Children's Coordinator at the San Francisco Public Library.

Film Programs for Children

West Portal Branch "Wild Magic"	Wednesday, Nov. 5	10:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. (preschool)
West Portal Branch "Far Away and Long Ago"	Wednesday, Nov. 5	4:00 p.m. (ages 6 & up)
Visitacion Valley Branch "Fall Festival"	Wednesday, Nov. 5	10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (preschool)

Story Hour for Ages 6 and Up

Children's Room, Main Library	Wednesday, Nov. 5	4:00 p.m.

Filmstrip Program for Preschool (Ages 3-5)

Park Branch	Thursday, November 6	10:30 a.m.

Dial-A-Story (626-6516), November 3-9

Johnny Cake by Joseph Jacobs, told by Ms. Linda Geistlinger, Early Childhood Specialist.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #25

October 31, 1975

WELCOME TO: Mr. Felix Gonzalez, Library Asst., CETA, Registration.
Ms. Terri Wood, Library Asst., CETA, Catalog Dept.
Ms. Dong Sook Sunoo, Library Asst., CETA, Catalog Dept.
Ms. Judith Schwartz, Library Asst., CETA, Presidio Branch
Mr. Allen Lee, Library Page, CETA, Print Shop.
Mr. Al Maui, Library Page, CETA, Branch Room
Mr. Benjamin Spaw, Library Asst., CETA, Registration
Mr. Myron Solorzano, Library Asst., CETA, Glen Park

FAREWELL TO: Mr. Winston Lew, Library Asst., CETA, Golden Gate Valley
Ms. Geraldine Griego, Library Asst., CETA, Mission Branch
Ms. Even Brown, Library Tech. Asst. I, CETA, Portola
Mr. David Hugunin, Watchman, Main Library, CETA.

NEW PLACEMENT REQUEST:

Anyone interested in the following position should send a written statement to Personnel by noon Wednesday, November 5.

Librarian I - B.A.R.C.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Librarian II - Monterey County; Salary: $1009-$1246/month. Minimum Qualifications: MLS plus one year of paid professional library work. Apply to: Salinas - Personnel Office, Courthouse, P.O. Box 180, Salinas, CA. 93901. Phone: (408) 424-8611, Ext. 284. Monterey Peninsula - Branch Office, County Building, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA. 93941, Phone: (408) 372-7889 (Between hours of 9:00 am to 1:00 pm ONLY). Applications will be accepted until a qualified applicant is selected.

Assistant Library Director, Riverside City & County Public Library. Salary: $1602-$1948/month. Minimum qualifications: MLS plus five years of supervisory and professional experience. Apply to: Personnel Department, 5th Floor, 3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA. 92501. Phone: (714) 787-7571. Receipt of applications closes when a sufficient number of qualified applications have been received.

MEMO FROM DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:

The Office of the District Attorney has recently completed the first phase of an in-depth investigation of alleged fraudulent voter registrations. The investigation is continuing on a more extensive basis, and will necessarily include subjects who are currently employed by the City and County of San Francisco. With few exceptions, any individual who lives outside the City and County of San Francisco is not qualified to register or vote in the City and County of San Francisco. All persons are advised that fraudulent registration and fraudulent voting are criminal offenses.

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COMMISSION REFUSES TO ACT ON BRANCH HOURS

Consideration of branch schedules, postponed in October, was postponed again Wednesday by the Library Commission following almost two hours of discussion and debate.

In October the Commission decided to delay action on service patterns until their Library Extension Committee could review the entire situation. During the month, under the leadership of Commissioner Nancy Pelosi, that committee held three extended meetings and helped prepare a proposal based on an almost uniform Tuesday-through-Saturday branch schedule.

After reporting that as of November 1, SFPL had 15 "defunded" positions, 21 "frozen" positions, and eight CETA vacancies, Karen Scannell presented the joint staff/Commission proposal and Dr. Starr recommended its adoption. Starr also stated that he will continue to oppose staff recommendations for the closing of branch libraries.

There followed testimony from members of the public, Local 400, the Librarians' Guild, and a number of staff members including Bill Laughrey, Judy Yung, Beth Beerbohn, Miss Morris and Annie Young. (Space and time will not allow a fuller report of the debate--but we think every shade of opinion was represented.)

At the conclusion of debate, the Commissioners refused to act on the proposal before them and further refused to authorize even elimination of Sunday hours at the four branches which are currently scheduled to be open on Sundays. The entire matter was deferred for further consideration at the December 2 Commission Meeting.

COMMISSION MEETING ATTENDANCE

City Librarian Starr declared Wednesday that the number of SFPL staff members who attend Commission Meetings is a "scandalous expenditure of public funds," and demanded that such attendance be limited in the future. Starr made his point when he found that nearly two dozen staff, on City time, were waiting to attend the Commission Meeting.

Starr returned to the matter during his report to the Library Commission and assigned William Ramirez and Karen Scannell to draw up guidelines about who may and who may not attend Commission Meetings during working hours.

"REJOICE, WE CONQUER!"

SFPL's Pheidippides, Karen Scannell, placed sixth among the women in the Pacific Association AAU Marathon Championship at California State-Sonoma Sunday. She ran the 26 miles, 385 yards in three hours and fifty-five minutes!

The tradition of the marathon is 2,465 years old and commemorates the victory of the Athenians over the Persian hosts of Darius at Marathon on the plains of Attica. The Athenian General, Miltiades, sent his greatest runner, Pheidippides, to report the victory. In Athens, Pheidippides reported to the elders, "Rejoice, we conquer!" and collapsed to the ground, dead. Mrs. Scannell reports great thirst, and a moment of dizziness, but she was recovered from the ordeal within ten minutes after completion of the race.

We've checked a number of sources, but none suggest how long it took Pheidippides to cover the 26 miles, 385 yards.... We'll bet it was over four hours.

Were I Pindar, I'd write an ode.

INVITATION TO THE DANCE

The San Francisco Dance Archives cordially invites all members of the SFPL staff to attend its grand opening on November 13-14 at Presidio Branch. The festivities will take place from 6 to 7:30 pm on November 13; from 7:30 to 9 pm on the 13th; and from 1 to 6 pm on the 14th. Persons wishing to attend are requested to RSVP at 922-6750 and indicate their preferred time.

The Archives will consist primarily of two private dance collections: one belonging to Russell Hartley, former dancer and designer (and now Archives Director), who has concentrated on tracing San Francisco's theatrical dance history from Gold Rush days to the present; and the other belonging to Mrs. James Bodrero and consisting of an outstanding library of dance books. Archives quarters have been divided into three galleries devoted, respectively, to dance history, the development of the San Francisco Ballet Company, and artifacts of historic or artistic value.

THIRD WORLD LIBRARIANS UNITED

A Coalition of Third World Librarians has been formed at SFPL to represent members of the professional staff who are of African, Asian, Mexican, Native American, Pacific Island and Latino origin. According to a statement of purpose issued by Co-Chairpersons Akilimali Funua and Vivian Kobayashi: "The Coalition will be concerned with the needs, problems and services that are particular to Third World staff and communities. The Coalition will work to maintain the highest standards of

efficiency and fairness in procedures, staff relations and services to Third World and all patrons of the San Francisco Public Library."

The next Coalition meeting will be on November 13 from 9 to 11:30 am at Western Addition Branch.

DON'T DELAY FOR C.L.A.

The California Library Association is now accepting pre-registrations for its 77th Annual Conference, to be held November 30 to December 4 at the San Francisco Hilton Hotel. CLA members who register BEFORE NOVEMBER 14 will pay only $20 (for the full program) or $10 (for one day), as compared to $30 and $15, respectively, if they wait to register at the Conference. Non-members will be charged $35 (full) or $20 (daily), as compared to the $45 and $25 they would pay at the Conference.

Pre-registration forms are now available in the City Librarian's Office. For your more affluent out-of-town guests, Hilton room reservation request forms are also available.

FEARLESS POLITICAL COMMENTARY

We thank smiling George Cerasi for passing on the perhaps vital information that Moscone means "big fly" and Barbagelata means "frozen beard."

Where else can you get hard-hitting reporting like that?

"MINI" WORKSHOPS, ANYONE?

Jim Kirks, Coordinator of the North State Cooperative Library System, has written to BARC: "Anne (Boughton) and Carol (Coon) have done it again. The workshops were very well received... Thanks again for taking BARC into the farthest reaches of California's North State Area."

Kirks is referring to a series of mini-workshops given recently at Colusa, Redding, Yreka, Weaverville and Eureka on such subjects as "The Reference Interview," "Reference Work in a Small Library," and "Creative Use of a Reference Collection."

The BARC staff has conducted similar workshops up and down Northern California. Let BARC know if you would be interested in having any such workshops here.

SAVINGS BONDS, ANYONE?

The annual Payroll Savings Plan campaign to encourage purchase of U.S. Savings Bonds by City and County employees will be conducted during the week of November 10-14. Personalized payroll deduction cards and Savings Bonds literature are forthcoming and will be available from the Personnel Office.

MEDIA REPORT

Our thanks to Stephanie Row for sharing a recent edition of The Senior Citizens' Breeze, published and edited and written by J. K. Harries of the Victorian Hotel on Fourth Street. It is great to see somebody communicating so effectively and obviously enjoying it. Stephanie recently received a letter from Editor Harries, addressed to "Miss Whole World, En Route"; and the salutation, of course, was "Dear Miss World." Ask Stephanie to let you see Breeze.

FREELANCING WITH FRACCHIA

Charles Fracchia, well-known to the SFPL staff as a man of many and varied talents, will be conducting a course, "Freelancing for Fun and Profit," on Mondays, November 17 through December 15, from 7 to 9 pm at Marina Junior High School. The course, presented as a free public service by the San Francisco Community College District, will emphasize "the mechanics of free-lancing with pen and camera" and is "designed to give the amateur writer-photographer an opportunity to turn 'pro'." It is not a course in creative writing.

For more information, call Fracchia at the San Francisco Consortium (543-9580).

ARBITRARY ORDER #1, FROM THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

Until we can obtain the appropriate mailing permit, we will be unable to continue large mailings of program flyers, adult or children's.

Example: today we mailed out over 100 mimeographed flyers listing the Children's programs during November at one of the branches. Currently this costs us 10¢ each--13¢ after December 28.

If we had the proper mailing permit, these could be mailed at less than 2¢ each. However, at the lower rate it will be necessary for us to meet a number of Post Office requirements.. minimum number in mailing, sorting and tying of bundles, delivery to Post Office, etc. We are working with the U.S. Post Office to make the proper arrangements immediately...details

will be announced in the O.B.

In any event, we do not have the money to support mailings of flyers at 10¢ each. Therefore, the Mail Room has been instructed to refuse all large, unusual or bulk mailings without prior approval from the Postmaster General. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

LETTERS TO THE O.B.

Editor:

I am appalled concerning your note in the October 31, 1975 OB on Orthophotographic mapping.

Since the OB is put out by a library is it too much to assume that those responsible for the bulletin will make a minimum effort to clarify unfamiliar terms so the staff will be really informed?

The OB is not a humor sheet although it seems to be printed on the grounds that everything is a laugh.

I am sure that a quick call to either Science or History would have informed you that orthophotographic maps combine the air photo with line symbolization and annotations added.

The map has many advantages when textural qualities such as vegetation and shapes of buildings are important.

Practicing librarians interested in the selection and use of materials should be aware of new forms of presenting data. A flippant attitude on the part of the OB does nothing to encourage the development of the professional staff.

--John Petros, Order Department

Editor:

Do you think it's possible that what the Mayor meant by orthophotographs, not being a strict orthographer, was that he took a flattering snapshot of the Vaillancourt Fountain in all its orthopaedical wonder and, not being terribly orthoptic, declared its beauty to his orthopsychiatrist who, finding the Mayor somewhat unorthodox and in need of orthosis, prescribed orthopedic shoes for climbing the Spanish Steps?

Or not?

Sincerely,

Orthoclastic

(Sometimes. --Editor.)

Messrs:

Now that I'm old and tired and have read the 5,000 books that I stole from you over a 50 yr period I will be returning them to you via United Parcel Service in the near future. I would send them by this postal service but you know how those clowns lose things.

Regards,

Uncle Ben Rosselli

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(We have tried for three days to write appropriate replies to the letters above and now admit defeat. We assume that our correspondents are real people and that their intentions are serious. The originals of these letters will be available in the Public Information Office should anyone wish to examine them.--Editor.)

GRANDSON OF VETERAN'S DAY

There seems to be some confusion about Veteran's Day. For the benefit of those who are still puzzled.....

All City and County of San Francisco (well, almost all) offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, in observance of Veteran's Day. This includes the San Francisco Public Library. We will be open on Monday, November 10. WE WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11. We will be open on Wednesday, November 12.

Now, that wasn't too bad, was it? I don't understand what all the confusion is about.

NOTE: The O.B. predicts that on or before Friday, November 14, at least one local newspaper columnist will point out that the decent, hard-working taxpayers of San Francisco were all at work on Tuesday, November 11, while the tax-slurping masses of Civil Service enjoyed a holiday with pay. We predict that no later than the following week, at least four members of the Board of Supervisors will introduce legislation that will eliminate Veteran's Day as a legal holiday for City workers.

FLASH #14

Pursuant to an opinion of the City Attorney, the decision of the Library Commission to reinstate Jack Stone, with back pay, which Dr. Starr challenged, has been approved. What this means is that Stone will return to work at SFPL and will be reimbursed for the salary lost since his dismissal in June.

GIGANTIC CONTEST

Some of the aesthetes of the Library have expressed displeasure with the new green elevator shaft. Therefore, in order to promote intellectual and aesthetic communication... to develop ideas, aspirations, and accomplishment into creative interplay with this great agency of memory and hope...the Official Bulletin hereby announces the great COLOR THE SHAFT contest. O.K., all you design mavens, let us hear from you.

The first entry has already been received, from tasteful George Cerasi. Tasteful George suggests Gucci stripes. Boy, that is going to be a hard one to beat.

FLASH #15

The Friends turned the trick again--their October 30 mini-fiction sale cleared more than $1,200. That might provide a number of treats.

MAIL BAG

Letter to Mary Louise Stong from Barbara Weinstein of Seattle (she is the one whose letter was previously printed in the Chronicle): "When you see Dr. Starr I hope you share with him my appreciation to his very fine and helpful staff. Not only did they give me the information I needed, they did so in such a way that it seemed to be their pleasure."

FLASH #16

We are pleased to announce that no episode of NAKED CAME THE BUDGET will appear in this edition of the O.B. Somebody broke the author's pencil. Unfortunately we can't expect such a fortuitous circumstance to prevail every week....NAKED CAME THE BUDGET will continue.

GREAT-GRANDSON OF VETERAN'S DAY

Do you live in San Francisco? Did you lose your chance to vote last Tuesday because you were not registered to vote? Would you like to remedy that situation so that you may vote in the December 11 run-off? If so, you must act with alacrity. You have until midnight Tuesday, November 11, to register to vote. Does that date sound familiar to you? In unison now... Veteran's Day, hooray, hooray!

MEDIA TRIP

Applause & Pans," San Francisco, September: "...the fact that the San Francisco Public Library and its system is simply pathetic in its selection of books and its available services. For a city as large as San Francisco, the lack of adequate funding for the library is a scandal."

"Letters," San Francisco, October: I would like to rewrite the item regarding the San Francisco Public Library in your September "Applause & Pans" column as follows:

"We applaud the staff of the San Francisco Public Library for working out an ingenious system to provide services and books to the citizens of San Francisco in spite of scandalously inadequate funding for this fine institution.

"It seems your A&P editor has gotten it backwards."

--S. C. Haas
San Francisco

"We stand corrected."--Ed.

(Thank you, S.G.--O.B. Editor)

FLASH #17

Are you feeling neglected because you haven't received your 1975 San Francisco City Directory? We have searched diligently, hither and yon...there are no copies of this publication hidden at the Main...in fact, we have just learned that the 1975 edition has not even been printed yet. Wait for it.

OTHER NOTES FROM THE COMMISSION MEETING

... In the future Mrs. Goodwin will review and edit the minutes of the Commission meetings.

... Dr. Starr reported that he has been appointed to the Council on Urban Libraries and has been nominated for membership in the American Academy of Arts & Letters. He also reported that he will continue his efforts to integrate the Library into the political processes of the City. Dr. Starr also announced that the activities of the Dance Archives were to be assisted by a grant from the Friends of the Library.

... President Stong of the Friends announced that City Hall has decided that revenues from any sale of SFPL discard books would go into the City General Fund and not into a book fund for the Library. Therefore, the Friends have decided they will not participate in any sale of such discards.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Film Programs for Children

Golden Gate Valley Branch "Fish"	Wednesday, Nov. 12	10:30 am & 4:00 p.m. (preschool, ages 3-5)
Children's Room, Main Library "A Festival of Favorites"	Wednesday, Nov. 12	10:00 am & 2:00 pm (preschool)
"A Robert McCloskey Film Festival"	Wednesday, Nov. 12	4:15 pm (ages 6 & up)
Excelsior Branch "Furry Friends"	Thursday, Nov. 13	10:00 am (preschool)
"Count Your Blessings"	Thursday, Nov. 13	4:00 pm (ages 6 & up)
Western Addition Branch "Taking a Walk"	Thursday, Nov. 13	10:30 am & 1:30 pm (preschool)
"African Folktales"	Thursday, Nov. 13	4:00 pm (ages 6 & up)

Dial-A-Story (626-6516) - November 10-16

"The Woodpecker and the Lion," a Jakata tale, told by Ms. Linda Geistlinger, Early Childhood Specialist.

We are saddened to learn of the sudden death of Robert Phippeny, who had been a Page in the History Department for the past two years.

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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

The Education Committee has acquired a new name and an expansion of duties. These will now include the disbursement of travel, workshop and staff development funds provided from state funds and the regular library budget, as well as assistance in furthering employee educational programs.

Ms. Eunice Parker, Assistant Chief of Branches, has joined the committee, replacing Derrald Etheley, former Affirmative Action Officer. She and William Ramirez have both been involved in formulating an affirmative action policy for the Library and will help to carry it out as members of this committee.

The Civil Service requirements and general guidelines for the Educational Opportunities Committee will be distributed to all agencies in the next week.

Conference and Workshop Attendance, or Other Staff Development Fund Use

In order to budget the available funds for conference travel and staff development courses between now and June 30, 1976, the committee asks that you submit your requests, including anticipated costs, by December 1, 1975.

Since the California Library Association meets in San Francisco this December, and the American Library Association conference meets in the next fiscal year, there will be no travel money expended on these from current funds. However, if you must attend CLA Council meetings or State Library-sponsored meetings, please send notice of them to the committee.

Send all requests to the Chief of your division--i.e., Branches to Karen Scannell, Main Library to William Ramirez, and Technical Services to Vivian Goodwin--by December 1.

Employee Training Program

School attendance in the Fall semester was approved by the Civil Service Commission for Charlotte Johnson (3616) and Betty Underwood (3616), both of the Catalog Department, for courses

in the major of Library Technology.

For other applicants attending classes, schedules were adjusted to meet their needs, utilizing the 40-hours-in-six-days provision, and in one case a reduced hours schedule was arranged.

To prepare for the Spring 1976 semester, those interested in pursuing Library Technical Assistant training should notify the Educational Opportunities Committee by December 10 of their intention to register for college classwork. Release time will be requested for a limited number according to the guidelines to be distributed.

Send requests to the Chief of your division.

L.S.C.A. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS INVITED

The State Library is particularly interested in sponsoring projects involving cooperation among different types of libraries; or which address the library needs of low-income families and people with limited knowledge of English. Special consideration will be given to successful on-going projects when there is evidence of local commitment to continue. Other projects under Title I, Title III, and Older Readers' Services may be submitted.

Desirable characteristics for service projects include target involvement in planning--with mechanisms for its continuance--and realistic planning for the period when Federal funding will have stopped. Notice of intent to apply is requested by December 8, so if you have suggestions, please submit them prior to that date to the Coordinators of Children's Services and Adult Services. Final applications must be received at the State Library by February 2, 1976.

FLASH #18

Remember the little person that wasn't there?

Well, he isn't there again today.

The Supervisors made him go away.

It has just been announced at City Hall that the so-called "defunded" positions have been eliminated from all department budgets.

They used to tell us that these positions would continue to exist in our budgets; they just wouldn't appropriate any money to pay anybody to fill the positions. (In other words, no clots for the slots.) But, now the party line has been changed. We just lost those 15 "defunded" positions, including

the Assistant City Librarian slot. They are now non-est. If we ever want to hire a person to do any of those jobs, we have to go to City Hall and ask them to create a new position.

Wait for it!

PANACEAS

"The Amazing Kopp," City of San Francisco, November 18, 1975:

CITY: How are we going to come to grips with spending before we become another New York?

KOPP: ...Everybody's got to give a little bit. We'll have to close the library an hour early for example until we get back into a fresh economic period.

(Why didn't New York think of that?--Editor.)

ENCOMIUMS

Your cooperation is one more demonstration to us that the library is the most generous and democratic institution in the city.

--Constance Casey,
Bay Area Women's Coalition

"NAKED CAME THE BUDGET" - PART VI

Here we are again with another episode of fabulous and fantastic financial foolishness.

We promised last time to talk of villains, heroes, and morality. But, there are no heroes, nor villains....morality and the Library budget are strangers.

More effort and time was invested in the Library's Bi-Centennial Budget Request than had been invested in any previous such effort. Mrs. Goodwin and her committee began work last October. Every branch librarian and every department head submitted information and requests. Each Chief and both Coordinators invested countless hours in helping turn the line items into coherent programs and back into line items. Charles Fracchia devoted an entire month simply to organizing and gathering the necessary information for our equipment request. The PIO spent more than a month writing 190 separate justifications and explanations. It took two people a week to complete

the physical preparation (typing, paste-up, etc.) of the budget request.

How long did Bill Ramirez and Jim Reilly spend in preparation of the request for CLSI? For the tattle-tape system? For the remodeling of the Sutro stacks? Bob Williams spent full time on the budget. Elliott Chinn, George Ceraci, David Murphy, Vivian Kobayashi, Griff Stokes, and many others spent a significant part of their time also.

After the request was completed came the public relations and politics. A gigantic rally was organized, including the Sixth Army Band and the Spirit of '76. How many hours did the staff, the Friends, and Keep Libraries Alive invest in that rally? How much more was invested in ten-page, five-page, and one-page explanations of the request. In the organization of neighborhood meetings to explain the budget request?

Dr. Starr made repeated personal pleas for the budget, directly to the Mayor, to members of the Mayor's staff, to individual Supervisors, and before meeting after meeting after meeting after meeting of various committees of the Board of Supervisors. (And it must be admitted that the Library has never had such easy and direct access to the Mayor as we enjoyed during the budget process last year.) How many personal efforts were made by the Library Commission? The Friends? By Keep Libraries Alive? By individual staff members?

Now try to quantify the above! This is an accountant's game, so let's look for a bottom line. And then move on to cost effectiveness! It would be easy to demonstrate that our efforts in behalf of the Bi-Centennial Budget request cost us in excess of $100,000. As we got nothing for our efforts, one might conclude that we would have been better advised to spend our efforts in some other way. O.K....but how will we ever even begin to solve our problems? How will we make any progress if we don't make the same fight again?

The Library operating budget is a fantasy, played for the benefit of City Hall, that has nothing to do with the operation of the Library. We spend thousands of man-hours preparing, pleading, and editing a document that never says what it means ...and then the fiscal year ends and we begin the same charade again...having learned nothing from our experience.

This is the last episode of NAKED CAME THE BUDGET. We thank our regular listeners for their loyalty. We hope you'll continue to patronize our sponsors. And, keep those cards and letters.

Next week at this time, on most of these stations, will be the first episode of a new laugh-a-minute comedy, DAUGHTER OF BI-CENTENNIAL BUDGET. Don't miss it.

LIBRARIAN II EXAMINATIONS

The Librarians' Guild has been notified by Civil Service that the oral examination for Librarian II (3633) will be given during the second week of December, i.e., the week of December 8. If anyone is unable to take the exam during that time, please get in touch with Dan Tatko at 752-4620.

ERRATUM

Two items of interest were inadvertently omitted from the November FREE calendar:

1. "What 80 Million Women Want," a classic (1913) film about Emeline Pankhurst and the early Women's Movement will be shown at Portola Branch at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, November 22.

2. A film and talk about stamp collecting--focusing on Bi-Centennial issues--will be held in the Lurie Room at noon, Wednesday, November 26.

In addition, please note that the November 26 discussion of Donald Riegle's O Congress will be held at WEST PORTAL BRANCH.

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Orthoclastic mavourneen:

Mavin/maven: Yiddish for expert. Yiddish is the vulgar tongue and spelling an inexact science, take your pick.

Loved your letter - admired your concinnity.

Worried about your multisyllabic pseudonymity...dare I suggest that a prosthetic device might help.

Love & kisses, Editor.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Miss Effie Lee Morris, Children's Coordinator, assisted by Mrs. Linda Geistlinger, Early Childhood Specialist, participated in an all-day conference to change "Racism and Sexism in Instructional Material," held at Lone Mountain College on November 8. The event was sponsored by the San Francisco League of Women Voters, the Junior League of San Francisco, San Francisco American Association of University Women, California Federation of Teachers, Women in Education Committee, and Lone Mountain College. The goal of the conference was to find ways of dealing with biased materials now in use and methods of encouraging the elimination of such bias in new materials.

Dr. Raye Richardson, Professor of Black History, San Francisco State University, was the keynote speaker, followed by a multi-media presentation on "Biased Textbooks" by Lenore Weitzman and Diane Rizzo. Eva Long, Chairperson of the Commission on Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials, spoke on "The Power Structure: Current Status of Legislation and Legal Action." She announced that the next big social issue to be used in textbooks will be the Rights of Children.

Elena Wong, Consultant, State Department of Education, Bureau of Inner-Group Relations, spoke on "Affirmative Action: What is the Educational Commitment?" She stressed the fact that Affirmative Action is a process for giving equal opportunity to everyone.

Eleven workshops, held in the afternoon, explored various ways of dealing with the problems of racism and sexism in instructional materials.

Ms. Morris directed one of these workshops, and discussed library materials for children, stereotypes, the relationships between librarians and editors and illustrated how publishers can be convinced to make changes in their materials.

It was a consciousness-raising day for the participants, helping them to recognize their place in this problem and how they can help effect change.

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Since the film programs for children were omitted in the November issue of FRPE, Children's Librarians can help to publicize their colleagues' film programs, and reduce information calls to the Office of Children's Services, by referring patrons to the November 1975 issue of San Francisco Magazine: the section "Around the Bay," column captioned 'Kids', on page 62.

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Film Programs for Children

Sunset Branch "Going for a Walk"	Tuesday, November 18	10:30 a.m. (preschool, ages 3-5)
"Old Magic"		4:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up)
Richmond Branch "Happenings"	Wednesday, November 19	7:30 p.m. (preschool, ages 3-5)
Noe Valley Branch "Creatures"	Thursday, November 20	1:30 p.m. (preschool, ages 3-5)
"Journeys"		3:30 p.m. (ages 6 and up)
Bernal Branch "Try a New Idea"	Thursday, November 20	10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. (preschool, ages 3-5)
"Silly Recipes"		4:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up)
Ortega Branch "Mischievous Animals"	Thursday, November 20	10:30 a.m. (preschool, ages 3-5)
"Our Native Americans"		4:00 p.m. (ages 6 and up)

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Dial-a-Story (626-6516), November 17-22, 1975

Hide and Seek Fog by Alvin Tresselt, told by Miss Karen Jing, Early Childhood Specialist.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #26

November 14, 1975

WELCOME TO: Mrs. Leonore Conde, Jr. Clerk Typist, Registration Dept.
Joseph Martin, Watchman (CETA), Main Library
Richard Brooks, Temporary Stationary Engineer

FAREWELL TO: Pamela Brown, Librarian I (CETA), Chief of Main's Office.
David Saltzer, Account Clerk (CETA), Secretary's Office

TRANSFERS:

Robert Schmidt, Librarian I, from Chinatown Branch to Anza Branch.
Miles Hamada, Librarian I, from General Reference to Western Addition Branch.
Gilda Turitz, Librarian I, from Talking Books/Jails Project to B.A.R.C.

NEW PLACEMENT REQUEST:

Anyone interested in the following position should send a written statement to Personnel by noon Wednesday, November 19.

Librarian I - 1/2 Talking Books-1/2 Jails Project

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THE CASUALTY REPORT

As of November 20:

A. 15 Permanent positions have been eliminated.

B. 21 Permanent positions are frozen.

C. 31 CETA positions have not been re-filled.

Nineteen of the above are professional librarian positions.

Mrs. Scannell reports that, due to lack of staff, she was unable to open either the West Portal or Richmond Branch last Sunday. At this writing she does not have anyone available to open them this Sunday, nor is there anybody available to open Chinatown or Excelsior.

HOW TO SURVIVE A C.L.A. CONFERENCE

C.L.A. Conference novitiates should be happy to know that a free "Short Survival Course for a CLA Conference" is being offered on Sunday, November 30, from 4:30 to 6 pm in the Vista Room of the San Francisco Hilton. The course will provide an introduction to CLA, its Conference, purpose and functions. Included on the program will be Executive Director Stefan Moses, President Morris Polan, Council member William F. McCoy, and representatives of the Government Relations Committee, the Intellectual Freedom Committee, and Quality Books. This is the only CLA meething which will not be badge-monitored, and free passes will be available at the CLA Information Desk in the Hilton lobby from 9 am to 6 pm on Saturday and Sunday, November 29 and 30.

BARC'S FAN MAIL

Another letter from the Solano County Library thanks Anne Roughton and Sue Critchfield for Vallejo's mini-workshop. A quote from it: "Our Typist-Clerk II was so impressed and elevated by your presentation that she has decided to go to library school.... We hope you have another [workshop] in the spring."

FLASH #19

We are distressed to learn that Elliott Chinn has suffered a minor heart attack and is hospitalized - St. Francis.

BRANCH SEEKS BOOKS

West Portal Branch would like to borrow copies (paperbacks welcome) of the following books for its Bicentennial Book Discussions:

BT7701 mi	PLAIN SPEAKING
352.079 W746p	POWER IN THE CITY
F Warren	ALL THE KING'S MEN

Kay Roberts and staff send love and kisses to all who have already loaned books and otherwise helped to make these discussion programs a success.

FACTION AND FACT FROM THE O.B.'S ALMANAC

In Italian Cerasi means cherries.

TODAY, CHICKEN - TOMORROW, FEATHERS

You may remember Flash #18...we reported that City Hall has eliminated 15 positions from the Library budget - those positions that had previously been described as "defunded". (A classic case of distinction without difference? Not really.)

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The positions that have been eliminated are: 1 Assistant City Librarian; 2 Junior Clerks; 1 Clerk Steno; 1 Janitor; 1 Page; 7 Library Tech. I's; and 1 Library Tech. II.

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Everybody, please stay calm, sit back, don't do anything interesting or important for the next week. Because of Thanksgiving, there will be no O.B. next week. Our next exciting issue will be distributed on Friday, December 5.

--Editor

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FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Puppet Show given by Trip Trap Troupe, composed of Children's Librarians:

"Legend of Pecos Bill" "How the Bear Lost His Tail" "Sweet Betsy from Pike"	2:00 & 4:00 pm, Tues., November 25, Children's Room, Main Library.

Film Programs

Chinatown Branch "Colors"	Wed., November 26	10:30 am & 1:30 pm, (preschool, ages 3-5); and 3:15 pm (ages 6 and up)
Park Branch "Barney and Friends"	Wed., November 26	10:30 am (pre-school, ages 3-5);
"Native Americans" " " "		4:00 pm (ages 6 and up)

Filmstrip Program

Golden Gate Valley Branch	Wed., November 26	10:30 am (pre-school, ages 3-5); and 4:00 pm (ages 6 and up)

Thanksgiving Story Hour

West Portal Branch	Wed., November 26	4:00 pm

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DIAL-A-STORY (626-6516), November 24-30

Poetry for Thanksgiving and Hanukkah, told by Mrs. Linda Geistlinger, Early Childhood Specialist.

GUIDELINES FOR EMPLOYEE TRAINING PROGRAM

I. Civil Service Provisions.

All school attendance programs must meet the legal requirements of the Civil Service Commission, Rule 28, 28.03 and 28.05, which are attached. An educational leave may also be requested through regular personnel procedures.

To be eligible for release time programs, an employee must be permanent in his/her classification, or hold permanent status in a lower classification if he/she is on a temporary promotional requisition at the time request is made.

CETA employees are not eligible for release time unless the educational program is planned and conducted by the Office of Manpower.

Flexible scheduling to accommodate 40 hours worktime in 6 days is available unless public service would be adversely affected. Proof of attendance is expected before variations in scheduling are made.

The classroom activity must be closely related to the individual's library work if application is made under Rule 28.03 Training for Work in Present Classification. Unrelated and elective units cannot be included for release time.

II. General Guidelines.

Opportunities for personnel in all divisions and all classifications of the Library shall be considered.

Wherever affirmative action can be served, that individual's educational needs shall receive priority.

Release time granted by the service division, i.e., Main Library Branches, or Technical Services, should not be so great as to affect the work capacity or public service in the division. Adjustments in schedules and assignments may be required to distribute this burden fairly among the divisions.

When appropriate, the library will provide during work hours, in-service training courses on supervision of employees, safety, job methods and analysis, etc.

Help in filling out applications for entrance to schools, for educational grants, or for training under Civil Service provisions will be available from the Personnel Officer and members of the Educational Opportunities Committee.

So long as personnel freezes and defunded positions affect our total staff number, the granting of release time must be limited to three staff members, preferably shared among the three divisions.

Granting of release time for one semester does not obligate the library to continue the program for the same individual for the duration of his/her program of studies.

November 20, 1975

Educational Opportunities Committee
Vivian Goodwin — William Kenyon
Eunice Parker — Karen Scammell

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LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

THE STAFFING CRISIS

SFPL wasn't saved at the last moment...the moment was just postponed for a while. But it is nice to draw a few breaths before the next onslaught.

Four Librarian requisitions (permanent) have been released by the Board of Supervisors. We should be able to hire by mid-month. The new people will be assigned to the branches.

Sunday hours at four branches--based upon CETA staffing--will end officially this Sunday. (Approved by the Commission on 12/2.) A few of the remaining CETA Librarians are being transferred from branches to Main, so that the Main can continue Sunday hours (at least until we suffer additional staff losses). However, because of the thin staffing patterns, and low usage, the Commission approved closing the Main at 6:00 pm on Friday evenings, effective December 19.

Following Commission discussion and approval of the above plans, Commissioner Pelosi announced that the Library Extension Committee will continue to study branch hours. They expect to report a comprehensive approach to the staffing/hours problem in the next two or three months.

Bill Ramirez reported to the Commission that he is seriously considering plans to close the Main Library for a full day to mount a major attack on deferred housekeeping, shelving, etc.

These problems will not go away soon. CETA is scheduled to end on June 30, 1976. The City Controller continues to warn the Supervisors of a $20 million deficit...requisitions will continue to be frozen.

BOOK PURCHASE CRISIS

On Friday, November 21, the Controller froze all capital accounts in the budgets of all City departments. The Library equipment budget remains at its traditional level (zero), so we have nothing to lose in that area. We did have some revenue-sharing funds (remodeling Chinatown and Mission) appropriated in 1972-73 that had not been spent yet. Actually, these funds have been frozen and thawed so often that inspection by the Board of Health seems indicated.

BUT, our book budget is also considered a capital item, and all book purchases stopped on November 21. At that date approximately $250,000 of our $650,000 for the year was uncommitted. Dr. Starr fired off an immediate letter to the Finance Committee and was granted a hearing on December 3. He pointed out to the Supervisors that they had already taken $175,000 from the $825,000 originally given us this year...and that book purchasing is a process that cannot be interrupted without serious damage to the Library.

Controller Farrell defended the freeze, citing the possibility of a $20 million City deficit and explaining that he would rather stop buying books now than be faced with the necessity of firing City employees later in the year.

On the suggestion of Supervisor Molinari, $100,000 of the book budget was released and Dr. Starr was instructed to return to the Finance Committee when that amount has been spent. Whether the other $150,000 will be released depends upon the actual size of the expected City deficit.

NEW MAIN CRISIS

Griffith Stokes reported to the December 2 Library Commission that the Main Library Planning Committee had revised plans for a 1976 New Main Library bond issue. (In October the Commission had adopted a program calling for a 400,000 square foot building costing approximately $59 million.)

Stokes reported that the Committee has now rejected the earlier studies by Bowles, Mohrardt-Ulveling, and Arthur D. Little which called for the 400,000 square foot building. Because of fears that a $59 million bond issue would not be approved, because that plan did not include any funds for improvement of the branch system, and because of new projections showing no growth in San Francisco for the next 25 years, the Committee scaled down the plan. Stokes testified that a 229,000 square foot building should meet SFPL's needs. He indicated that such a building could be built, $3 million could be spent on branch improvements, and $2 million spent on remodeling the current Main Library....and the total bond issue would have to be only $39 million. He recommended that the Commission prepare

an amended Project Data Sheet for the Planning Commission.

In the discussion that followed, Mary Louise Stong of the Friends and Commissioner Stern indicated doubts that the 229,000 square foot building would meet the needs of SFPL. The Commission postponed action on the proposal in expectation that the report of the Library Planning Consultant, and perhaps even an architect, would be available before a final decision will be necessary.

STOKES CRISIS

During the Commission meeting it was reported that Griffith Stokes will leave SFPL later this month when the temporary requisition against which he is working will expire. Commission President Callanan expressed concern over the loss of Stokes' efforts on the new Main Library project and indicated efforts will be made to hire Stokes as a consultant.

"FREE" DEADLINE CRISIS

Due to the holidays, the copy deadline for the January FREE will be Friday, December 12. If you are planning a program in January, information must be submitted to OAS on or before the 14th.

CALENDAR CRISIS

1976 desk calendars have been distributed. If you did not get one, you are probably out of luck. We were allowed only as many as we had last year. Please do not complain to the Stock Room or the Secretary's Office...they cannot help you.

TELEPHONE CRISIS

S. M. Tatarian, Director of Public Works, reports that the California Public Utilities Commission has granted Pacific Telephone a rate increase. Currently we are charged one message unit for each telephone call placed. After next April we will be charged one message unit for any call that lasts up to five minutes, and one message unit for each five minutes, or fraction thereof, that follow.

Provision for this rate increase was not made in the operating budget of any City department. The Board of Supervisors have indicated that they do not expect to approve supplemental budget requests to cover this additional expense. Therefore,

each department will have a choice--we can reduce telephone use to avoid spending more than was budgeted, or we can take the money out of some other account. (Suggestions?)

Please talk faster!

ONE SMALL SOLUTION

In view of the above story, we are pleased to announce that the Stock Room has received a supply of the new San Francisco telephone book. Any department or branch requiring same may apply in person, or submit a requisition.

IMPORTANT ELECTION

The last page of this O.B. contains information about an election that can be very important to a great number of SFPL staff members. Please see that everybody concerned is made aware of this election.

Next week, December 8-12, all City of San Francisco white collar workers will be given the opportunity to determine if they will be represented by a union in collective bargaining. The Service Employees International Union--Joint Council (CSA Local 400, Local 535, Local 250 and Local 66A) is the only union group which qualified to appear on the ballot. City workers will be able to vote either that they want to be represented by the SEIU Joint Council, or that they do not want to be represented by any organization.

All employees are granted release time to vote and are encouraged to do so. (This is the only San Francisco election next week in which City employees who live out of the City will be encouraged to vote.)

DANCE ARCHIVES EXHIBIT

Staff members are cordially invited to a preview of the "Pierre Monteux, 1875-1975" exhibit on Saturday afternoon, December 6, 1:00 to 6:00 pm, at the San Francisco Dance Archives, Presidio Branch. Refreshments will be served. The exhibit was made possible by Lim M. Lai.

THIRD WORLD LIBRARIANS

The Coalition of Third World Librarians will meet on Thursday, December 11, at 7:00 pm at the Western Addition Branch.

LITERARY CRISIS

The current L.J. features a short article by Dr. Kevin O. Starr, as does the current New Republic. Another article by the same author is planned for an upcoming edition of L.J. Starr will also become a regular columnist for City.

HOT FLASHES

... The Library Commission heard reports on December 2 of high level meetings between Dr. Starr and Superintendent of Education Robert (No Relation) Alioto. As a result, the Commission voted to pursue a policy of detente with the School District. Commissioner Bowles and Starr will represent SFPL in future negotiations. Miss Effie Lee Morris reported to the Commission that the Children's Librarians have a most harmonious relationship with the school librarians.

... Future applications for travel or education funds will be addressed to the Education Committee; Vivian Goodwin, Chairperson.

... Travel funds to attend the CLA Council meeting in Los Angeles in January were approved for Eunice Parker.

... Tuition for a class, "Speaking in Public," was approved for Glenda Hooper.

... Gil McNamee will receive travel funds to attend the ALA Midwinter meeting in Chicago in January.

... Some anonymous donor provided $290 to purchase a typewriter for the Registration Department.

... All staff members who were employed by the City last year when we didn't get our pay raise for almost a year because somebody named Bangs sued the City about the strike...you remember that, don't you?...well, now you will get a check to cover the interest for the period you didn't get your raise. This payday, December 10. Credit for obtaining the interest for us apparently goes to CSA Local 400. They went back to the Supreme Court and got the order amended so that interest could be paid.

(Don't call the Personnel Department about this; they don't understand it either.)

... The study of construction of a joint facility on the site of the Chinatown Branch is being undertaken by the Library, the Community College District, the Department of City Planning, and the Mayor's Office of Community Development.

... The Community Development Program adopted by the Board of

Supervisors this week includes $511,000 for remodeling Bernal, Chinatown, Park and the Valley branches. (The work is to improve these facilities as community centers, not to make them better libraries. If the Chinatown Branch is torn down and replaced by a "joint facility", the Community Development Program funds would be used elsewhere in Chinatown.)

CREDITS AND DEBITS

The Friends recently received $300 from Executive Secretaries, Inc., to be used to purchase materials for the Business Library.

The Friends also received $868 from Miss Kay Schmulowitz to help pay for cataloging SCOWAH.

The Friends have given $500 to the San Francisco Twin Bicentennial Youth Education Committee for a program at Western Addition Branch.

The Friends have provided $350 for blinds for North Beach Branch.

The Friends have donated $150 to help the San Francisco Dance Archives.

CORRESPONDENCE

Elliott Chinn was still in the hospital the last we heard. He claims he is tired of watching football on TV and so is reading Type A Behavior and Your Heart.

TOO LATE FOR "FREE"

There will be a reception honoring Carolee Sanchez, Dorinda Moreno, Leland Mellott and Amilcar Lobos in celebration of the publication of their respective chapbooks of poetry by Casa Editorial. This is an official event of the 10th Annual Raza Hispanidad Festival.

Mission Branch Library is the place, Monday evening, December 15, from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. We are promised a delightful evening of poetry reading and refreshments.

BALLOTS

Have you seen a demonstration of our new on-line gizmo? Call Jim Reilly; he'll be happy to arrange a demonstration.

CREDIBILITY CRISIS

It's a dull person who can't spell a word more than one way. Many of us do misspell words from time to time, mostly by accident. However, most of us have the grace to admit that we blew it. Very few have the creative arrogance to insist that the word in question is from some other, vulgar language, and that he can spell it almost any damn way he pleases.

We are indebted to Rabbi Joseph Freedman, a volunteer at the lobby information desk, who assisted us back to the path of accuracy. Mavin is the correct spelling of mavin. Mavin is not a Yiddish word; it is a Hebrew word, though widely used by the Yiddish-speaking. Everybody agrees that Yiddish is vulgar and irregular.

Again, in this issue of the O.B., we have wandered into the realm of quasi-accurate spelling. On page 2, please read Mohrhardt for Mohrardt. We did get Ulveling right.

FLASH #20

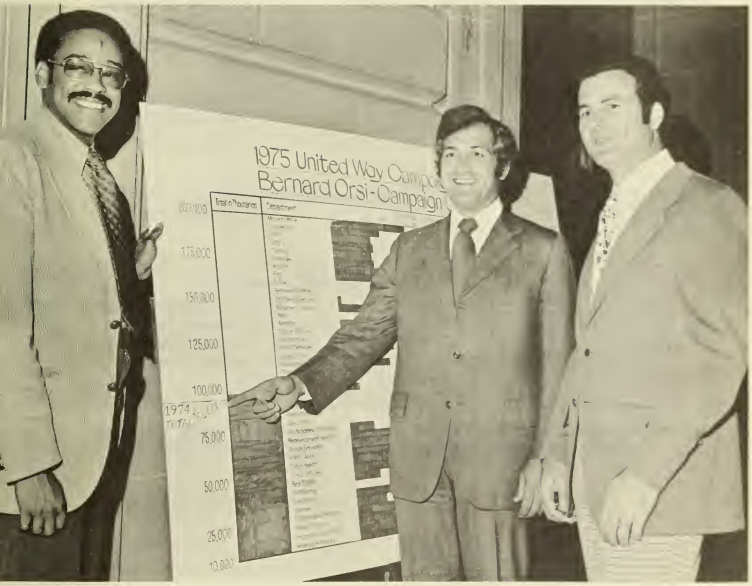
The Library Commission did approve closing of the Library at 5:00 pm on Christmas and New Year's Eves.

REPORT AVAILABLE

Those interested in "Toward a National Program for Library and Information Services: Goals for Action," the report of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, will find a number of copies available in Literature.

ORSI'S FINAL APPEAL

"WILL THE 16,000 PLEASE STEP FORWARD"



BERNARD ORSI, UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN FOR CITY EMPLOYEES, DISCUSSES DONATIONS RECEIVED WITH STAFF MEMBER HERB HOUSTON (LEFT) AND SPONSORED EXECUTIVE JOHN BOCCABELLA. ORSI IS VERY PLEASED THAT TO DATE OVER 3000 EMPLOYEES HAVE DONATED MORE MONEY THAN THE 1974 TOTAL, BUT AS THE CAMPAIGN DRAWS TO A CLOSE, HE IS ASKING THE REMAINING 16,000 CITY EMPLOYEES TO JOIN THEIR FELLOW WORKERS IN GIVING TO THIS WORTHWHILE COMMUNITY EFFORT.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Filmstrip Programs

MISSION BRANCH "Holiday Time"	Wed., Dec. 10	10:00 am (pre-school, ages 3-5); 1:00 pm (ages 6 & up)

Film Programs

PARKSIDE BRANCH "Wild Things"	Tues., Dec. 9	10:30 am (pre-school)
"Christmas Carol"	" "	4:00 pm (ages 6 & up)
EXCELSIOR BRANCH "Holiday Fun"	Thurs., Dec. 11	10:00 am (pre-school)
"Nutcracker"	" "	4:00 pm (ages 6 & up)
WESTERN ADDITION BRANCH "Holiday Films"	Thurs., Dec. 11	10:30 am & 1:30 pm (preschool); 4:00 pm (ages 6 & up)

Puppet Show (given by the Trip Trap Troupe, composed of Children's Librarians)

WEST PORTAL BRANCH "The Legend of Pecos Bill" "How the Bear Lost His Tail" "Sweet Betsy from Pike"	Fri., Dec. 12	3:00 pm (pre-school); 4:00 pm (ages 6 & up)

Dial-A-Story (626-6516) - November 8-14

Staying Home Alone on a Rainy Day by Chihiro Iwashai, told by Ms. Linda Geistlinger, Early Childhood Specialist.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT NOTES #27

December 4, 1975

WELCOME TO: Maria Sapata, Library Assistant (Ceta), Personnel.
Herbert Lum, Account Clerk (Ceta), Secretary's Office.

FAREWELL TO: Sharon Brooks, Clerk Typist (Ceta), Periodical Dept.
Clayton Der, Elevator Operator (Ceta), Main Library.
Joseph Martin, Watchman (Ceta), Main Library.

TRANSFERS: Leslie Eldridge, Librarian I, from West Portal to Talking Books/Jail Project.

LIBRARIAN II Oral Examination will be held next week starting December 9, thru December 11, 1975.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Librarian, Fresno County, Salary $1,830. to $2,225./month.
(Appointment may be made above the beginning rate)
Minimum qualifications: MLS from an ALA accredited Library School, plus five years recent responsible professioanl library experience; two of which have been in an administrative capacity, and a California County Librarian certificate (or a temporary certificate). Final date to apply: December 17, 1975.
Apply to: Mary Sanger, Recruitment Specialist, Library Personnel
Fresno County Personnel Department
Room 102, Courthouse, Fresno, California 93721
or call (209) 488-3364.

Senior Librarian, Anaheim, California, Salary $1,172. to $1,425./month.
Minimum requirements: MLS from an ALA accredited school, additional library experience is preferred. Final date to apply: December 10, 1975.
Apply to: City of Anaheim, Personnel Department
241 S. Anaheim Blvd.
Anaheim, California 92805
or call (714) 533-5375.

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EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIONS ELECTIONS

Employee Representation Elections for White Collar staff members will be held December 12, 1975, at the following places:

Monday, December 8

7:30 am to 10:30 a.m.	San Francisco General Hospital Rm. 125 Building 9
11:30 am to 1:00 p.m.	City College 50 Phelan Ave. Rm. 161 Science Building
2:30 pm to 4:00 p.m.	McLaren Lodge Commission Meeting Room

Tuesday, December 9

8:00 am to 11:00 a.m.	Muni Railway 901 Presidio Rm. 1
1:00 pm to 4:00 p.m.	Hall of Justice Rm. 505 (2) 850 Bryant Street

Wednesday, December 10

7:30 am to 11:30 a.m.	Dept. of Social Services 965 Mission St. Rm. 410
1:30 pm to 5:00 p.m.	Dept. of Social Services 150 Otis St. GA Annex

Thursday, December 11

8:30 am to 1:00 p.m.	Dept. of Public Health 101 Grove Street Rm. 300
2:30 pm to 5:00 p.m.	Dept. of Public Health 101 Grove Street Rm. 300

Friday, December 12

8:30 to 1:00 p.m.	Board of Education 135 Van Ness Ave. 2nd Floor GYM Rm.
2:30 pm to 5:00 p.m.	Dept. of Public Health 101 Grove Street Rm. 300

Employee's holding Permanent Civil Service status in the following classifications are included in these Units:

UNIT 5.

Class #	Title
1408	Principal Clerk
1450	Principal Clerk Stenographer

UNIT 4.

Class #	Title	Class #	Title
1402	Junior Clerk	1630	Account Clerk
1404	Clerk	3602	Library Page
1422	Junior Clerk Typist	3610	Library Assistant
1424	Clerk Typist	3611	Library Assistant - New Careers
1426	Senior Clerk Typist	3616	Library Technical Assistant I
1444	Clerk Stenographer	3618	Library Technical Assistant II
1446	Principal Clerk Stenographer	5322	Graphic Artist

If you have any questions please call the Personnel Office at 558-3331.

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NEW MAIN

Next Tuesday marks another crucial point in plans to seek a bond issue for a new Main Library in November 1976. Members of the Library Commission will meet with Mayor Alioto seeking assurances of the funds to hire library and building consultants. Unless these funds are available, it is doubtful that plans can proceed.

SENIOR CENTER

Last year during the historic Battle of Marshall Square, the Board of Supervisors decided that no matter what facility is built on that site, it must include a Senior Citizens' Center. Last week the Library received an outline of their requirements from the Commission on Aging:

...Located on the ground floor, access for infirm and handicapped.
...Have separate entrance.
...Space requirement: 10,000 square feet, net, to house:
- *Crafts area, 2000 square feet.
- *Dining area for 100, kitchen facilities.
- *Gift shop to sell hand-crafted products of Senior Citizens.
- *Medical consultation/examination room.
- *Socialization Center.

It is understood that, even though this facility would be housed within a new Main Library on Marshall Square, it would be paid for by the Commission on Aging.

MAYOR'S RACE

You'll know who our new Mayor is before you receive this O.B., so it's too late for our endorsement to do any good. We'll save it for next time!

However, we can't resist a comment or three.

Speculation about the effect of the election on the Library has been a lot of fun, but it is unrealistic to expect anything drastic or dramatic. The Library Commission has remained quite stable during the Shelley/Alioto twelve years, and changes can be expected. However, it is doubtful if either candidate has more than 200 or 300 close political confidants vigorously seeking appointment to the Library Commission.

The new Mayor could have some effect on our operating budget for 1976/77 if his inclination is to improve library service. Major improvements could be made with very minor expenditures in terms of the total City budget. If, on the other hand, the new Mayor's desire is budget reduction, the Library should avoid major attention. There is no fat that can be trimmed without serious reductions in public service, and elimination of the Library completely would save only 20 cents on the tax rate.

Actually, major changes are unlikely. The people who work in the Mayor's budget office will be the same, the Supervisors are the same...and the popular understanding of our financial situation is going to be the same for some time to come.

1976/77 BUDGET

Work has begun on our new budget request. If you read "Naked Came the Budget," you'll understand why the approach will be rather low-keyed this year. Defunding, and freezing, and transfers, and things that go bump in the night have taken from us five people who were major contributors to preparation of the budget request last year. We don't have the bodies, and we don't have the time...the budget request must be approved by the Commission and submitted to City Hall before the end of January.

The 1976/77 budget request will be very similar to that which was submitted last year, except that this year we will ask for a large number of staff positions - CETA is expected to expire June 30. The major effort will again be for CLSI, book security, compact storage at Main, a decent equipment budget and perhaps just a few office supplies.

We will not hold a series of budget committee meetings or gripe sessions. If you have a constructive suggestion to

offer, something that it is important that we request...or some brilliant approach that is sure to get us a 23.8% increase, please don't hesitate to contact the Chief or Coordinator of your choice, or send to the Public Information Office.

ENTREPRENEURIANISM

Should there be a bookstore/sales desk in the new Library, possibly staffed by the Friends? A TASK FORCE on this subject will meet next week. Please contact Bonnie Jo Dopp, BABC, 2nd floor, phone 4942, if you want to contribute your ideas.

VITAL STATISTICS

Carol Cutler, formerly of General Reference, was married to Shelley Ray on November 29. They will make their home in Denver.

Dr. and Mrs. James (Celia) Brockenbrough were blessed with a son, Cheo Jawara (Swahili: "a man of distinction"; Senegal-Gambia: "peace-loving"), on November 5.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Children's Services is cooperating with Roger White, Reading Resource Teacher, San Francisco Unified School District, in providing Children's Librarians to speak at the Parent Workshops he is organizing at neighborhood schools.

The first participant was Miss Dorothy Hult, Assistant Coordinator, who spoke Wednesday, November 19, at George Peabody School on the variety of multi-ethnic materials available at the Public Library. Juvenile applications in five languages, Dial-A-Story bookmarks in Chinese, Children's Rights Brochures, and the November issue of FREE were distributed. The question-and-answer period revealed how appreciative and responsive parents and teachers are when they are made aware of the wealth and variety of the Public Library services available to them.

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Children's Services participated in the California Library Association's Children's Services Division Program and Special Materials Faire on Sunday, November 30, at the Hilton Hotel. This provided an opportunity to share ideas and see what Children's Librarians and libraries are doing in California.

San Francisco Public Library's booth, planned by Dorothy Hult, Assistant Coordinator, included Early Childhood Project materials, puppets from the current performances of the Trip Trap Troupe, Summer Reading Program projects by the children, and Children's Services printed materials. Exhibits were contributed by Beth Beerbohm, North Beach Branch; Helen Cannon, Chinatown Branch; Linda Geistlinger, Early Childhood Specialist; Sally Houston, Excelsior Branch; Ruth Maginnes, Bernal Branch; Marilou Miller, Marina Branch; and Karey Wehner, Parkside Branch. The booth was set up by Linda Geistlinger, Monique Etchevers (Merced Branch), Betty Schwabacher (Presidio Branch), and Margaret Ysturiz (Anza Branch). Staffing the booth and answering questions were Helen Cannon, Linda Geistlinger, Betty Schwabacher, and Margaret Ysturiz.

Flyers from San Francisco Public Library's Children's Services were included in the large scrapbooks made of materials from children's departments of libraries throughout the state.

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Programs for Children

CHRISTMAS TREE TRIMMINGS are being held in the Children's Room of the Main Library and in the Branches.

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HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Children's Room, Main Library	Wed., December 17	4:15 p.m.

FILM PROGRAMS

Sunset Branch "Holiday Time"	Tues., December 16	10:30 a.m. (preschool, ages 3-5)
"Ballet"	Tues., December 16	4:00 p.m. (ages 6 & up)
West Portal Branch "Children's Classics"	Wed., December 17	10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. (preschool, ages 3-5)
"Nutcracker"	Wed., December 17	4:00 p.m. (ages 6 & up)

FILMSTRIP PROGRAM

Golden Gate Valley Branch "Holiday"	Wed., December 17	10:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. (preschool, ages 3-5)

STORY HOURS

Eureka Valley Branch	Thurs., December 18	4:00 p.m.
North Beach Branch	Thurs., December 18	4:15 p.m.

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Dial-A-Story (626-6516), December 15-22, 1975

Katy and the Big Snow by Virginia Lee Burton, told by Ms. Karen Jing, Early Childhood Specialist.

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HOPE FOR NEW MAIN DIMS

In July the Library Commission decided to seek passage of a bond issue in November 1976 for construction of a new Main Library. A Library Planning Committee was immediately appointed and Griffith Stokes named as Planning Coordinator. By mid-July the Library Commission had assurances from Mayor Alioto that funds would be available to retain the outside consultants necessary to properly prepare the bond issue prospectus. Before the end of July, Robert S. Meyer was hired as the consultant for the first phase of the project.

During the past six months thousands of hours have been spent in the preparations for a bond issue. Research has been carried out; plans outlined, discussed, modified; and task forces assigned to handle the many policy decisions involved in a project of this magnitude. The Library Planning Committee met almost every week and made serious progress in preparation for the bond issue.

However, problems began to appear in mid-November. The Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors refused to reclassify a position for a Planning Coordinator for the bond issue. As a result, Griffith Stokes, who has carried the chief burden of the planning, is losing his job in the next day or two.

In addition, although Meyer has been working on the Requirements Report since July, he has not as yet received payment for his work. And, the consultant for the second phase of planning, plus an architect, should be hired in January if we are to be on the November ballot.

With this background the Library Commission sought and obtained a meeting with Mayor Alioto on Tuesday, December 16, to seek the $25,000 necessary to complete planning for the new Main Library bond issue. The Mayor expressed his continuing support for the Library's plans, but was unable to provide the funds, although he promised to try to find them.

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The Library cannot complete the necessary preliminaries for a bond issue unless the work proceeds in the next week or two. We are staring at the horizon, waiting for the cavalry.

The Library Planning Committee has postponed its next meeting until January 6.

BOOKBINDING EXHIBIT

A hand-bookbinding exhibit is currently on display in the Special Collections Department of the Main Library. Featured is the work of Johanna Goldschmid, Presidio Branch Librarian, accomplished during the seven months of her sabbatical leave last year when she was a student of Martin Jaegle at the Centro del Bel Libro in Ascona, Switzerland. The Centro del Bel Libro, situated on Lake Maggiore, consists of a design studio, a gallery exhibiting the work of well-known bookbinders, and the school to which Ms. Goldschmid came with only a hobbyist's knowledge of bookbinding. We think you'll agree that her work, representing such a short period of study, is impressive.

BOOKS WANTED

West Portal Branch would appreciate any copies other branches are able to loan of Working (Terkel - 331.097T272w and pb) and God Bless You, Mr. Rosewater (F - Vonnegut) for their January book discussions.

CALLING ALL STUDENTS

The Educational Opportunities Committee would like to receive notice by December 31, 1975, from all staff members who are planning to attend college classes during the Spring semester, particularly if adjustment in work hours is anticipated. The Committee will also review requests for release time. Send information to the Chief of your Division.

AWARD FROM UNITED WAY

The Library was one of 15 City departments to be honored by United Way on December 12 for its contribution during the recent campaign. The Library's $1,289 represented a 75% increase over the amount donated last year. (City employees

as a group increased their donations by 40%.) The plaque is now hanging in the Secretary's Office as an incentive to do even better next year. Congratulations to Vivian Goodwin, who managed the campaign for the Library.

ROD McKUEN AND THREE OTHER GUYS

According to the November 10 PW, a recent check showed that SFPL holds the works of only four poets! We've always respected the professional competence of the Literature Department; but being so close, we've never appreciated the real heights of their achievements until we read the item in PW.

Most libraries have suffered book budget cuts. The entire profession today seeks methods to eliminate unnecessary purchases without damaging the quality of their collections. The art of book selection must be honed to the finest edge. Can't you just imagine the Literature Department book selection meeting.....?

Mrs. Nee met little opposition when she indicated that the section would include Shakespeare, but murmurs of dissent were heard when she proposed that Milton and Chaucer be added. Shelley Lemon presented a learned discourse proposing that Homer and Vergil could not be ignored. Cynthia Lingo threatened to hold her breath until she turned blue unless SFPL bought the works of Lawrence Ferlinghetti, a local poet of some note. Miss Kincaid entered the meeting at that time to announce that the budget for the entire department would be slashed unless Eliot was included. Pat Rea explained that no decent library could eliminate the works of Goethe, and Dennis howled that they seemed to have forgotten Ralph Ginzburg, then corrected himself--he really meant Allen. Mrs. Folacchi burst into the meeting at about this time muttering dire threats because she had heard that Dante was being ignored.....

In the future I think I'll limit these dreams to sugar plum fairies.

NOTE

The accusation in the November 10 PW that SFPL holds the works of only four poets has been denied by usually reliable sources. The original charge was attributed to James Laughlin, founder of New Directions.

A letter of correction has been sent to PW by Laughlin: "...My personal check of the catalogue at the San Francisco Public Library was not 'recent', but actually about 30 years

ago, soon after I had started New Directions, and I found cards for the books of many established poets but only four for books of the poets which New Directions had brought out."

In 1968 a survey by LJ showed that SFPL and the Cleveland Public Library had the best collections of modern American poetry.

FLASH #21

Press reports indicate that ferocious African bees attacked over 500 people in Brazil last weekend. One hundred and sixty were hospitalized. Many were stung in their cars.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

At the December Commission meeting, the Educational Opportunities Committee was asked by Dr. Starr to enlarge its membership by including representatives from other classifications and levels. The school opportunities and funds for workshops and travel to conferences are available to all staff members. The Committee would like to hear from interested persons in the clerical, technical and Librarian I or II classes. Phone or write to Vivian Goodwin, Eunice Parker, Bill Ramirez or Karen Scannell by December 29.

DON'T MISS THE NEXT EXCITING ISSUE

In this very space, next week, we will publish, for the first time anywhere, an important essay by a famed American literary personality. Do not miss this important event.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Programs for Children

Family Night	Ortega Branch	Tues., Dec. 23	7:00 p.m.
Story Hour	West Portal Branch	Tues., Dec. 23	4:00 p.m.

Dial-A-Story (626-6516) - December 22-28, 1975

"The Elves and the Shoemaker" by the Grimm Brothers, told by Ms. Linda Geistlinger, Early Childhood Specialist.

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MERRY AND HAPPY

This is being written on December 23...but you won't see it until December 26. Someplace betwixt and between we'll all have celebrated Christmas.

We hope that you and your loved ones celebrated with appropriate joy and serenity.

The publication schedule of this modest rag and the New Year's holiday is similarly out of sync. Therefore we offer now our advance best wishes. It seems improbable that 1975 could be repeated, so we have much for which to be thankful.

May all enjoy happiness and success in 1976.

MAIN LIBRARY EXHIBITS SET

John Kenny's Main Library Exhibit Committee has been working for the past several weeks and has established a 1976 exhibit schedule.

The second floor will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Jack London in January and February. A lecture and a dramatic presentation will be held in conjunction with this exhibit. Later there will be an exhibit tracing the history of Grace Cathedral, and in mid-year there will be a Bicentennial exhibit dealing with the history of the Spanish discovery of the Bay Area. This latter exhibit is being planned in cooperation with the Spanish Consulate.

In the Fall there will be a major exhibit devoted to opera. Next November/December there will be the traditional celebration of Children's Book Week. A Panama Canal exhibit is planned for early 1977.

The third floor schedule starts with an exhibit planned by the San Francisco Dance Archives in February/March. That

will be followed by our traditional celebration of National Laugh Week with selections from the Schmulowitz Collection of Wit and Humor, opening on April Fools Day. Then there will be an exhibit featuring San Francisco architecture.

August and September will be devoted to a major retrospective exhibit of the work of the world famous Allen Press. This exhibit will also be shown at the Bancroft Library and at Stanford University. Following the Allen Press exhibit will be a show featuring the works of Bay Area calligraphers.

LAMENTATIONS

Last week we promised that an important essay by a famed American literary personality would appear this week in this very space. We had actually been promised first-publication rights to an agriologically important statement on the true meaning of Christmas. When the article was late in arriving, it was explained that the literary personage was suffering from terminal biolysis. As the deadline arrived, it was finally admitted that the literary personage was in the throes of advanced writer's block.

The non-existence of the article diminishes us all; however, the one who will suffer the most will be the important literary personage. When will he again have the opportunity to work for a binocular editor?

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The annual Holiday Festival in the Children's Room was held Wednesday, December 17. Children's Librarians from the Office of Children's Services, the Early Childhood Project and the Children's Room participated in the program.

Miss Audrey Wood opened the Festival with a short talk on Christmas customs. She asked a child from the audience to open the December 17 window in the Advent Calendar. Mrs. Grace Buth told the Grimm's fairytale "The Shoemaker and the Elves." The film "The Twelve Days of Christmas" was introduced by Mrs. Linda Geistlinger.

Two members of the Children's Advisory Council, Maribel Amado and Sherry Gann, spoke on "Customs of Old Louisiana" and "A Victorian Christmas."

The customs of Hanukkah were told by Miss Kathleen Maynard, followed by group singing led by Miss Dorothy Hult. Mrs. Susanne Lo spoke about the customs of Kwanza.

Miss Karen Jing introduced the film "The Great Toy Robbery."

Book talks were given by two members of the Children's Advisory Council. Shilpa Shah told about The Little Giant Girl and the Elf Boy by Minarik, and Teresa Rillera told about The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by Lewis.

The highlight of the program was the Dance of the Doll and the Bear from the Nutcracker, performed by two students in full costume from the San Francisco Ballet School. Mr. Richard Cammack, acting director of the school, explained the dance to the children.

Miss Effie Lee Morris, Children's Coordinator, concluded the program with the traditional presentation of the Christmas tree ornament. This year it was in the shape of a beautiful candle, made by a street artist and wrapped in newspaper. After Miss Ruth Gray hung it on the tree, a helpful child in the first row spontaneously asked Miss Morris if he could throw the wrapping away for her, thus ending the program on a warm and happy note.

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Film Program, Wednesday, December 31

Potrero Branch, 10:30 am (preschool); 3:00 pm (ages 6 & up).

Dial-A-Story, 626-6516, December 29-31

"Moving Away" by Alice Wiklund, told by Mrs. Linda Geistlinger, Early Childhood Specialist.

Dial-A-Story has been discontinued due to the ending of the federal funding for the Early Childhood Project. We would appreciate hearing from you if you have enjoyed the program. Address your letter to Miss Effie Lee Morris, Children's Coordinator.

Children's Services wishes all of you a Happy Holiday Season!